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RED OFFENSIVE INTENSIFIED Three-Pronged Drive On Kwangsi And Kwangtung KUKONG THREATENED

Communists in West and Central Hunan and North Kwangtung today were moving in what appeared from official despatches to be the prelude to a three-pronged drive on Kwangsi and Kwangtung.

Korean Ship Capsizes With 200 Passengers

Seoul, October 5.—A small steamer loaded with about 200 passengers capsized today en route to the island of Kangwha. Only 76 passengers were rescued unharmed. Twenty-four bodies had been recovered. A report to the Korean Pacific Press said 10 passengers were unconscious when they were taken from the water. The ship was travelling from Inchon, a port 30 miles west of Seoul, to Kangwha on the West coast. The passengers were returning to their native island for tomorrow's Autumn Festival.—Associated Press.

Removal Of Trade Barriers

St. Paul, Minnesota, October 5.—Mr. Paul S. Hoffman reported today that Great Britain, France and Italy have agreed to a sweeping removal of trade barriers between themselves and other Marshall Plan nations. The Economic Co-operation Administrator said the three countries have lifted import restrictions on a number of 35 per cent of their total purchases from the 13 other countries participating in the European Recovery Programme. "This is a practical move to remove trade barriers within Western Europe that has proved so fruitful among the 48 states in our own country," the foreign aid chief said. Mr. Hoffman's statements were made in a speech before the American Federation of Labour convention. He did not list specific commodities or goods on which the Marshall Plan's "Big Three" countries were dropping restrictions. Nor did he say when the action will become effective.—Associated Press.

General Festing Arrives In London

London, October 5.—Lieutenant-General F. W. Festing, former GOC-in-C in Hong Kong, arrived in London yesterday on a stretcher after being flown from Singapore in a BOAC airliner. The general, who had been attended by a doctor and nurse on his long flight, was described as "very ill" by an army officer at the airport. The pilot of the airliner, Captain Wren, said: "I was worried when the general came aboard because he seemed to be in pain, but he brightened up later." The general was taken to Whetley Hospital, Oxford. Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 6:00 GMT (4 p.m. HKST) a small depression is centred just to the NW of Formosa. From it, an active trough extends NE and E to the S of Japan. A weak trough extends SW across the China Sea to Hainan. Today's Forecast: Moderate N or NW winds. Fair. Tomorrow's Weather: Maximum: 84.5 deg. F. Minimum: 74.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.1 in. Total since Jan. 1: 18.4 in. (1949) 27.1 in. (1948) as against an average of 19.7 in. (1931-48). Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at sea level: 1005.4 1004.5 m.b. Humidity: 64 64 F. Rel. Humidity: 64 64 F. Dew Point: 64 64 F. Wind Direction: NW by W N by W Wind Force: 12 12 knots. Rain: 0.1 0.1 in. High: 0529 0529 Low: 0225 0225

Canton, October 5.

The Reds were officially reported driving Southward in the area around Chihkiang in West Hunan, East of Shaoyang in Central Hunan, and from Yanfa and Nanshiung in North Kwangtung.

In addition, they were also officially reported moving South Westward from Anjen toward Laiyang, South of Hengyang, after crossing the Yung Lok river West of Anjen.

The military spokesman confirmed earlier private reports that Chihkiang was under attack. But he said he could neither confirm nor deny that the temporary Hunan provincial capital had been captured. He admitted he had no information on the exact situation at Chihkiang.

But it was generally believed Chihkiang had fallen under the weight of the Communist columns that pushed Southward along the Hunan-Kweichow border after capturing Mayang. The Hunan provincial government has moved for the third time since the fall of Changsha, to Tsinhsien, 50 miles South West of Chihkiang.

There was little information about developments on the Yangtze in South West Hubei where the fighting to cross the Yangtze at Putung, or if any progress had been made in their attempt to drive Southward from there.

Central Hunan Drive

Considerable significance was attached to the Central Hunan thrust which the official Central News Agency said was powered by two full armies which had swung into action East of Shensi, coming down from Shensi.

In conjunction with the Communist armies in the Chihkiang area, the Central Hunan drive could be aimed either at sealing off the Yangtze, or developing a threat to Kwangsi.

A break-through by the Communists East of Shaoyang would put them in a position to head for Lingling, on the South Hunan-North Kwangsi border. From Lingling they would have a direct rail route to Kweilin, the Kwangsi capital.

General Pai Chung-hsi continued to hold the main force of his Central Hunan army around Hengyang. Unofficial despatches said that he had sent out break units Westward to bolster the Nationalist already in position East of Shaoyang.

It was also said that other Hengyang columns were being pushed Southward to Linyang to meet the possibility of a strong Red attack on that rail city by the Reds on the move from Anjen.

Kukong Seen

Red Objective

The immediate objective of Communist troops striking from Hunan and Kiangsi provinces appears to be Kukong, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 125 miles North of Canton, adds Reuter.

Control of Kukong is very important for the Nationalists. If the Communists occupy the town they will have uninterrupted road, railway and river communications Southward to China's redoubt capital.

In addition to the drive from Kiangsi along the North Kwangtung highway to Kukong, the Communists have pushed their way through the hilly country fringing the Hunan-Kwangtung border and reached a point near Yanda, 20 miles from the main highway approximately 25 miles North of Kukong.

The Communists are showing more troops into Nanshiung on the highway for an attack on Kukong, but at the same time the Nationalists are

steadily reinforcing that railway centre with troops from Canton and Hengyang.

The fact that General Pai Chung-hsi has sent some of his Hengyang force Southward seems to indicate that he is confident of holding the 150-mile stretch of railway between Hengyang and Kukong.

Earlier, it was thought that the Communist offensive on Canton would be launched by General Lin Piao's powerful forces concentrated in Hunan. East of the railway. Recent activity on that front, however, suggests that General Lin Piao's forces—commanded in the field by General Chen Kung-will initiate the Southward drive and leave General Lin Piao to contain General Pai Chung-hsi's Hengyang-based forces, which constantly threatened his flank.

The presence of General Pai's undefeated army at Hengyang was one of the main reasons for repeated delays in the Communist offensive.

In South East China, the Nationalists are still clinging tenaciously to resented Amoy where there has been a comparative lull following last week's grim artillery duel across the narrow stretch of water.

The defenders of Amoy have been reinforced by Taiwan-trained troops and Chinese despatches claim that the Nationalists were hitting back at Communist positions on the mainland.

Canton itself remains very quiet.

Civilians

Evacuating

General Chen Keng's Communist troops have reached a point 20 miles from Zukong. Civilians are evacuating the city.

According to private reports General Lin Piao's Red troops have occupied Chihkiang, in Western Hunan Province.

The Government military spokesman admitted that Nationalist troops had withdrawn from Chihkiang and were fighting the Reds South of the city. He said that in Eastern Hunan Province, the Reds had been repulsed at Anjen, South East of Hengyang.

In North West China, General Peng Teh-huai's troops were driving Southward from Sining along the Chinghai-Tibet highway towards Yushu, an important town at the extreme South of Chinghai.

General Chen Yi's troops in South East China bypassed Amoy and occupied Yansiao, 50 miles South West of Amoy, according to a usually reliable source. Yansiao is midway between Swatow and Amoy.—United Press and Reuter.

Explosion Aboard CMC Launch

Several workmen and seamen were injured in an explosion aboard a Chinese Maritime Customs launch in Ah King's slipway at Causeway Bay yesterday morning.

One of the workmen was in a serious condition at Queen Mary Hospital last evening. The others suffered slight burns.

Police reported that welding work was under way when the heat evidently caused petrol aboard the launch to blow up.

The Kwan Kun, a small anti-submarine CMC launch, went to the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter because of the typhoon threat on Monday evening. She went to the slipway for slight repairs at the same time.

King's Nephew Weds Concert Pianist



Many members of the Royal House of Windsor were among the 300 guests who attended the reception at St. James' Palace, London, after the wedding of the King's nephew, the Earl of Harewood, 26, to Vienna-born concert pianist Marion Stein, 22. Photo shows: The bride and groom pose with members of the Royal Family at the reception in St. James' Palace. Left to right—Queen Mary; the groom's mother, the Princess Royal; Lord Harewood; His Countess, the former Miss Stein; King George VI; the honourable Gerald Lascelles, the groom's brother and best man; and Queen Elizabeth.—AP Photo.

Explorer Arrested In Canton Shooting

Canton, October 5.—American explorer Leonard Clark, aged 42, who may have found the world's tallest peak in the rugged Anne Machin mountain, was charged today with manslaughter in the gunshot deaths of an American and Englishman.

Clark, who has recovered from a bullet wound in the lung suffered in the affray, was put on a diet of bread and water. However, he is able to buy food outside the district court detention house, where he is held behind bars.

The charges grew out of the deaths of Willard Freeman, 41, American businessman, and Harold Harris, 45, Shanghai-born Briton. The shooting took place on September 8 in the Freeman home after a drinking prelude to a scheduled wedding anniversary celebration.

At court, before he was taken to his cell in the detention house, a brief statement charging Clark with manslaughter was read by the public prosecutor.

Interviewed in his cell, Clark said he did not want to be in Canton when the Communists occupy the city.

"I don't mind them shooting me but they would torture me for the work I did for the OSS behind the Japanese lines during the war," he said. "My reports about the Reds were not favourable."

Just then a cooler brought the explorer his food. It was a plate containing 10 slices of bread.

The British Consul here, who is handling American affairs in Canton, will help Clark obtain a lawyer. Indications are his trial will not be held for several weeks.

Found In Bedroom

Harris, Shanghai-born Briton, and an employee of Freeman, was dead when the three men were found in a bedroom of the Freeman home.

Freeman was shot twice. He died in Canton's smelly, dilapidated emergency hospital several days later.

Both Clark and Freeman asked to see Freeman's comely Polish-born wife, Mary, at the hospital. Chinese police forbade her to visit Clark but permitted her to stay at the bedside of her husband until his death.

Since Freeman's death Clark has been recovering from a bullet wound near the heart in the hospital.

Police said his gun was used in the shooting.

Both Freeman and Clark said they were in a fight preceded the shooting.

Clark was quoted by police as saying Freeman "pulled a jealous act" at the conclusion of the drinking bout, which was the preliminary to the fourth wedding anniversary of the Freemans and the birthday of blond Mrs. Freeman.

Clark, although an American, is subject to Chinese law. He is thus charged with a major crime in a Nationalist court supported by a warring government that may flee for its own life anytime as Communist forces push ever closer to Canton.—Associated Press.

Pirates Raid Launch, Hold 50 Hostages

More than 50 passengers were taken hostage by a band of pirates who held up a ferry launch about 40 miles North West of Macao on Monday.

The pilot of the launch was shot and killed and more than 30 anti-piracy guards are missing, according to messages received in Hong Kong last night.

The launch, which usually plies between Macao and China's West River port of San Pau, left Macao at 2 p.m. on Monday.

It was attacked by more than 200 armed pirates at Shekpan, some 40 miles North West of the Portuguese Colony.

The reports added that the launch was stripped of all goods and the passengers robbed of their money and personal property, including jewellery.

The attack was carried out shortly before midnight.

The pirates came alongside the launch in motor boats. The guards resisted but were overwhelmed. A number of passengers were wounded.

Foreigners In Shanghai

Shanghai, October 5.—The United States Consul-General in a new survey of American nationals in the Shanghai Consulate district, announced today that 1,228 Americans are still in the lower Yangtze valley including Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow.

These include 40 official personnel, mostly of the Consulate and Embassy. About 800 are in Shanghai.

The British still in and around Shanghai number 2,222, the British Consulate estimated. Other estimates are 700. French, 1,100. Portuguese and 1,000 other European nationals, plus 5,000 Russians are in the area.

About 500 are expected to leave on the French liner, Marechal Joffre due here on Friday.—Associated Press.

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French Cabinet Resigning Over Wage Demands

Paris, October 5.—The French Government has "virtually resigned", M. Francois Mitterand, Government information spokesman, told reporters after a special Cabinet meeting here today. Premier Henri Queuille decided to tell President Vincent Auriol officially this afternoon that the ministers had failed to agree on the question of salaries and prices.

M. Mitterand added: "As regards the resignation, it is now only a question of procedure to be settled between the President of the Republic and M. Queuille."

An official communique issued after the meeting said that as a result of persistent disagreement with the government on salaries and prices, M. Queuille had decided to abandon his attempts to settle tonight the problem of raising abnormally low salaries.

The communique added: "M. Queuille will discuss the consequences of this situation with the President this afternoon." M. Queuille's coalition Cabinet—the eighth since the fourth Republic came into being on December 24, 1946—had been in office just under a year and a month. It came into power on September 11, 1948.

Arbitration Fails

Premier Henri Queuille today gave up efforts to arbitrate the wage-price deadlock created by devaluation of the British pound, and informed sources said he would hand in his resignation to President Vincent Auriol at 3:30 p.m. GMT, adds United Press.

Mr. Queuille admitted failure to arbitrate demands of workers for more wages to meet expected higher prices as a result of devaluation of the franc.

The entire problem stemmed from devaluation of the British pound which forced France and other countries throughout the world to revalue their currencies.

Mr. Queuille wanted to hold the line on wages and simultaneously to lower the prices of some goods through subsidies.

It was reported a special session of the National Assembly would be called. A new government cannot be officially approved until the Assembly is in session.

Informed government quarters said it was possible that the 65-year-old Premier, who has headed the French government for more than a year, would only hand in the resignation of his cabinet. This would permit him to explain his position to the National Assembly before his government is put out of office.

It is debatable, however, if President Auriol would accept the resignation and leave France without a government at the most critical moment in its post-war history. Mr. Queuille's middle of the road government has ruled France since September 11, 1948—the first to survive a full year in office since 1944.

It was reported that Mr. Queuille would go to Rambouillet, 40 miles outside of Paris, where President Auriol is residing.—Reuter and United Press.

Roschin Named Soviet Envoy To Red China

London, October 5.—The Soviet news agency, Tass, reported from Moscow today that Mr. N.V. Roschin, formerly Ambassador to the Nationalist Government, had been appointed Ambassador to the new "People's Republic of China."

The Chinese Communist regime in turn appointed Mr. Wang Chih-hsiang as Ambassador to Russia, the agency said.

The Chinese Communist request for recognition, handed to Mr. V.G. G. Graham, British Consul-General in Peking, is on its way to the British Embassy in Nanking, an official spokesman said today in London, adds Reuter.

The Embassy will forward it to London. Britain has in the past had no formal contact with the Communist authorities.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said yesterday that the United States had received a similar request, but added that there were no plans for a reply or formal action.

In Canton, the Foreign Office announced today that Nationalist China has severed diplomatic relations with the Communist Government.

It added that Nationalist diplomats were being withdrawn from Prague and Warsaw.—United Press and Associated Press.

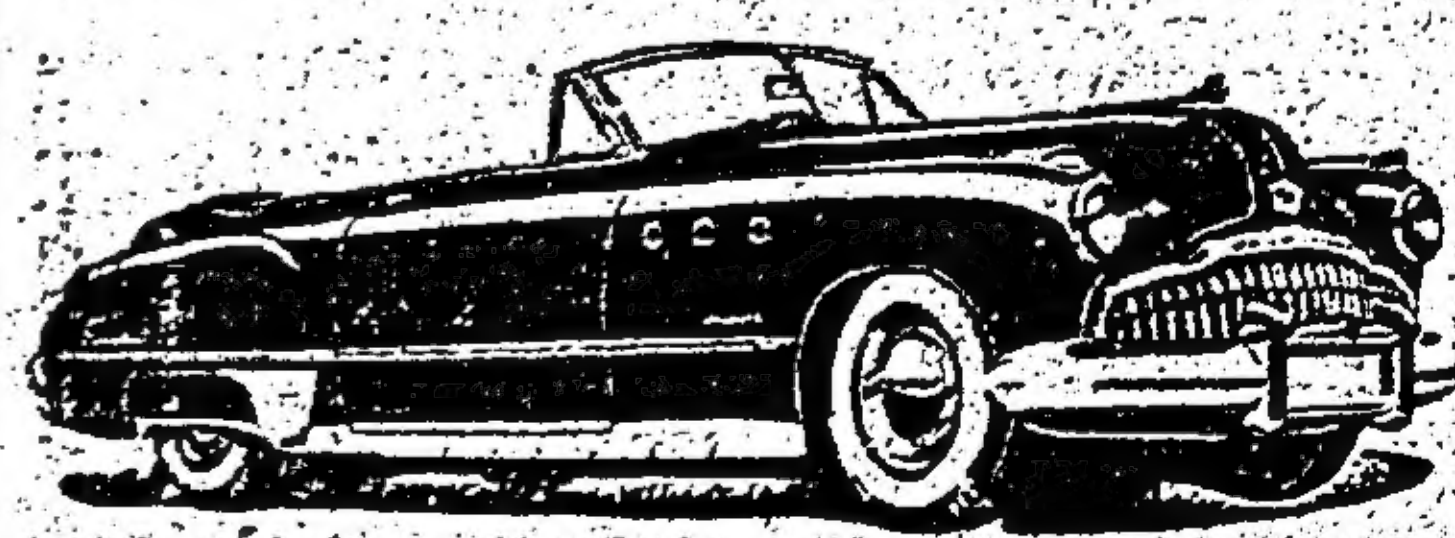
Subhas Chandra Bose Said With Chinese Reds

New Delhi, October 5.—Subhas Chandra Bose, former leader of the wartime Indian National Army, is alive and with the Chinese Communists in Peking, the daily newspaper "Netaji" reported here today.

Netaji, an official organ of the "forward bloc" which was founded by Bose in 1940, said he would broadcast over Peking Radio at 3:30 p.m. GMT on October 21. The reports said the broadcast would be on the 233 metre wavelength.

Subhas Chandra Bose was reported killed when the Japanese bomber carrying him from Saigon to Tokyo crashed when taking off from a Formosa airfield on August 18, 1945. Since that time there has been persistent reports that he was not dead but had gone to Moscow and recently had joined up with the Chinese Communists.—United Press.

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Through numbers (22 Races — \$44.00) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwongtung Handicap" to be run on 8th October, 1949. Tickets in the special Cash Sweep on the "Kwongtung Handicap" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10 a.m. the First Day and at 9.30 a.m. on the Second Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. The First Day and at 10 a.m. on the Second Day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 3 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BROOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to employ their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,

D. L. PROPHET,

Actg. Secretary.



Portugal's National Day was celebrated with a cocktail party at the Club Lusitano yesterday evening. The above picture shows the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, responding to the toast to The King proposed by Dr. Eduardo Brazao, Consul for Portugal in Hong Kong.—"China Mail" Photo.

Smugglers Foiled By Alert Marine Officer

For decades a common practice of smugglers has been to immerse contraband in the sea, with floats to mark the spot, and leave confederates to pick it up later under cover of darkness.

Constant vigilance, however, has enabled the Colony's authorities to stem this nefarious activity successfully. The latest haul was made by Marine Department patrols on Monday evening in the face of a typhoon threat.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McCosker, Messrs. H. L. Richardson, J. Murray, T. F. Durdin, W. M. Selke and E. J. Dennett.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mrs. C. V. Hoo, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sie, Messrs. J. Sutton, R. G. Fallon, O. E. Krause, J. E. Schen, Brucker, F. S. Losovsky, R. H. N. Saunders, A. Campbell, R. T. Jackson and R. W. B. Broom.

Claim Case Reaches Final Phase

The \$900,000 claim at the Supreme Court reached its concluding phase yesterday before Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, when Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., senior defence counsel, opened his summing-up address.

Among other things, Mr. Sheldon submitted that the defence had already proved that the August 1947 exchange regulations were passed into Chinese law.

Mr. Sheldon said it was up to the Court now to decide whether the regulation was or was not valid law.

After counsel had dealt with the question of the validity of the matter, hearing was adjourned until 11.15 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. A. V. White, plaintiff, of 3 College Road, is represented by Mr. Leo A. Wright, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva. For the defence, Mr. Sheldon and Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. F. C. Roberts, of 46 Robinson Road. Both parties are related to one another by marriage.

Mr. White claims the nine lanks by virtue of alleged exchange transactions said to have been made between him and defendant in Shanghai in 1947 and 1948. Defendant denies such exchange transactions in question took place.

HMS BELFAST HITS JUNK

HMS Belfast was involved in an accident with a sailing junk yesterday while manoeuvring to moor at a buoy in the Naval Anchorage.

Slight damage was sustained by the native craft, and no one was injured.

According to the owners of the sailing junk, which was on her way to Castle Peak after delivering a load of bricks, the accident occurred at about 9 a.m.

The junk was hit amidships by the stern of HMS Belfast, which was moored at a buoy between the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf and the Hong Kong Naval Dockyard. The junk suffered damage to her beam and hull planking.

A naval tug boat arrived on the scene shortly after the collision and towed the junk for a short distance.

The Government Quartermaster's Office has requisitioned the Telephone Building, Cameron Road, Kowloon, for the Military. It was officially announced yesterday.

RAILWAY ENGINE HITS LORRY

A Chinese lorry driver was injured yesterday afternoon when a Kowloon-Canton Railway shunting engine crashed into his lorry near the Kowloon railway station.

The driver, Chui-ai, was crossing a railway crossing going towards the China Vegetable Oil Company when the railway engine hit the lorry.

Chui-ai, an employee of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

He was treated for facial lacerations and internal injuries.

Portuguese National Day

Portugal's National Day was celebrated with a Cocktail Party at the Club Lusitano yesterday evening, which was attended by more than 500 people.

Heading the list of distinguished guests present was the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, who proposed the toast to the President of Portugal.

The toast to King George VI was proposed by Dr. Eduardo Brazao, the Portuguese Consul in Hong Kong, who with Mrs. Brazao, were the hosts of the evening.

Annual Report Of HK, Kowloon Magistracies

A continual decrease was noted in cases of simple larceny, larceny from person, robbery, burglary, false pretences, demanding money with menaces and receiving stolen goods during 1948-49, according to the annual report of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Magistracies.

On the other hand, cases of forgery and larceny by servant increased. The report comments that evidently the tide of serious crime has been checked by the highly commendable work of the police.

A total number of 23,536 summonses were issued by the two Magistracies as compared with 19,182 in the previous year, and 6,141 summonses were heard by the Unofficial Justices of the Peace in Hong Kong.

Summons under the Separation and Maintenance Orders Ordinance, 1935, totalled 13 both in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Orders were made in 11 cases in Hong Kong and 10 in Kowloon, and five summonses were dismissed.

The number of adults charged or summoned in Hong Kong was 18,459 and juveniles 25,925. In Kowloon the adult offenders totalled 50,773 and juveniles 6,302.

The total number of defendants in Hong Kong and Kowloon for the year under review showed an increase of 33 per cent in adults and six per cent in juveniles.

The number of convictions for larceny offences has continued its upward trend. The figures were 3,790 and 4,742 for Hong Kong and Kowloon respectively as against 3,710 and 3,244 in the previous year.

Returned Bonishees Cases of returning from deportation and breach of expulsion orders showed a further increase. The figures for the year under review were 428 and 795 as compared with 427 and 499 respectively for the previous year.

There were 33,856 persons charged with "hawking offences and street obstruction" while in Kowloon 19,330 persons appeared for these offences. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 24,997 and 12,428. The figures show an increase of 35 per cent and 55 per cent respectively and represent 37 per cent and 36 per cent of the total number of persons charged in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Traffic offences totalled 6,562 in Hong Kong and 10,225 in Kowloon as compared with 7,197 and 5,253 respectively in the previous year. In addition there were 1,284 cases of dangerous driving in Hong Kong and 37 in Kowloon.

One refugee, Eui Chai-chwang was charged, before the Hong Kong Magistrate's Court under the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1939, for commission of the crime of larceny within the jurisdiction of China. The accused was acquitted after a year's trial.

Juvenile Crime The number of offences committed by juvenile delinquents showed a drop in larceny cases but a slight increase in begging, street hawking, vagrancy and unlawful possession of tobacco or liquor.

Most of them were driven to the commission of offences by their parents or relatives as a result of poverty. This was indirectly due to the influx of refugees into the Colony.

During the year 40 boy-offenders were committed to the Reformatory at Stanley, 31 girl offenders to the Salvation Army Home at Kwai Chung, and 43 boys to other approved institutions.

Corporal punishment was awarded to 5,417 boy offenders. There were 209 Evidential Orders issued in Hong Kong and Kowloon under the Dangerous Drug Ordinance, 1935, or under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1932. Deportation Orders were made against 201 persons by the Magistracies under the powers conferred upon them by the Deportation of Aliens (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948, which came into effect on October 27, 1948.

The collections for the year under review showed an increase both in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The figures were \$1,392,548 and \$1,303,643 being increases of 22 per cent and 23 per cent respectively.

Rabies A Cruel Form Of Death Rabies is one of the most cruel forms of death, states an official release.

There have been persons who have been known to starve their victims to death and they have been branded felons. Others have crept the tortures of thirst and starvation by placing food and water within sight of but just out of reach of their victims and they have been called fiends in cruelty, but rabies goes a step further.

Not only does this disease place food and drink beyond the reach of its victims by destroying the power to swallow but it adds the savage torture of cramps in the face and throat and even the slightest effort to swallow as little as one's own saliva results in sudden convulsive spasms.

Other diseases render their victims unconscious or dull their senses, but Rabies excites and stimulates to kill finally with an extremity of exhaustion.

There is no cure. Once the first symptoms develop death is certain. The terror in the eyes of a victim once seen can never be forgotten. The disease can be prevented. It has been entirely wiped out of several countries and it can be effectively controlled in Hong Kong.

As most people know, it results from the bite or lick of an infected dog. An infected dog may appear to be quite normal. Take no chances with any dog bite or lick for that matter. Report it at once to the police who will see that you are properly and promptly treated.

At least six persons have died this year through neglect of this precaution. Early treatment will in all but a few rare cases prevent the disease.

Bill To Control Foreign Representatives Passes Its First Reading

The Bill to impose control on representatives of foreign states in the Colony, other than accredited representatives, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The necessity for the proposed legislation was explained by the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin informed Council that where representation for diplomatic or consular purposes in the Colony was desired, it was the practice for the foreign state to notify Government of its intention and to invite the Government to accredit a representative to its class of representation.

When such preliminary had been completed, the foreign state would send to or appoint within the Colony, representatives duly accredited. No difficulty or misunderstanding would or should occur in regard to this class of representation.

"However," said Mr. Griffin, "since the war, development has occurred which has confused or confused the position. Such development has resulted from the extension of state or political control into the commercial sphere so as to produce a tendency between states to establish representation abroad in furtherance of trade as so controlled."

"In regard to this class of representation, the difficulty and objection has emerged within the experience of this Colony that obligation to invite the consent of Government to such representation has been of tends to be ignored."

Political Aims "Because of this factor, and because representation in the new form is sometimes employed or employed of being employed to project the political aims or doctrines of foreign states or political systems, need is seen for legislation in the Colony to enable control to be applied where necessary is shown. The Bill before Council today is intended to provide the necessary legislation."

The operative clause of the Bill before Council is clause 3. It will be seen that it provides that no person shall function on behalf of any foreign power without the consent of the Government.

The terms "function" and "foreign power" are defined in clause 2 of the Bill. It will be noticed that "foreign power" is defined to mean not only the Government whether legal or de facto of any foreign state but also any organisation which in the opinion of the Governor is either politically associated with, controlled by, or in political opposition to any such government.

Clause 2, to which I have referred, does not however merely stop short at the requirement that the consent of the Governor be obtained before a person can function on behalf of a foreign power. The clause goes further; in particular, it makes clear that the person who is to be accredited representative of any foreign state will not in any way be altered, if this Bill becomes law, because the clause is made not to apply to the accredited representative of any foreign state.

Certificate Of Exemption The term "accredited representative" is defined in clause 2 of the Bill as a person who by notice in the Gazette has been recognised by the Governor as the representative of a foreign state.

In addition, the clause gives to the Governor a power to exempt and give to persons who are not accredited representatives an opportunity to receive a certificate of exemption from the general prohibition laid down by clause 3.

The remaining provisions of the Bill will be seen to be ancillary; notably they include by clause 6, power to authorise search and seizure, such power however only to be exercisable under warrant of the Colonial Secretary. Clause 7 imposes penalties on trial upon indictment for contravention of the provisions of clause 3, i.e. contravention of the prohibition against functioning on behalf of any foreign power without the consent of the Governor. The safeguard is added that the consent of the Attorney General is necessary to the institution of prosecution.

The motion was seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. C. B. Burgess, and carried unanimously.

FAILURE TO PAY INCOME TAX E. G. Shaw, former Government employee, was summoned before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for failing to pay income tax and to show cause why further proceedings should not be taken against him.

Mr. Shaw, who said that he had recently returned from the United Kingdom, said that the tax involved, \$1,250, was excessive and that he would appeal.

Mr. Wicks adjourned the case until October 18, to allow defendant to appeal.

Mr. Ozorio of the Inland Revenue Department appeared for the prosecution.

Two American women correspondents now visiting Hong Kong. (Left) Mrs. Doris Fleson of the Bell News-paper Syndicate. (Right) Mrs. May Craig, Washington correspondent for the Gannett newspaper chain. The two correspondents are on a "round-the-world" tour. ("China Mail" Photo).

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KAI TAK TOPICS

Kai Tak resumed its normal daily routine yesterday after two days of enforced slackness due to the typhoon. Some Airlines companies had extra operations to make up for the groundings and diversions.

Air France will, as from next week, operate with Sky-masters only. At present DC4 and C47s service the routes to and from Indo-China and onwards to Europe.

The C47s will be placed on domestic flights in Indo-China. They will also be used on short flights from airports there to neighbouring Chinese towns.

Mr. Wipbur A. Brucker, President of Trans-Asiatic Airways, passed through Hong Kong on his way back to Manila.

The airline executive was away in Delhi attending a conference or the air treaty.

Another transit passenger was Sam Welles, noted "Time" and "Life" correspondent, who was on his way to Tokyo from Bangkok.

Mr. Welles has completed a six-month tour of the Far East and is returning to the United States.

U.S. Women Correspondents Visit Colony

Two American women newspaper correspondents, now in Hong Kong, are travelling 25,000 miles to "better understand" the world news they write about.

The correspondents are Mrs. Doris Fleson of the Bell News-paper Syndicate, and Mrs. May Craig of the Gannett newspapers in the State of Maine.

Each woman has covered the United States Congress for more than 10 years, and were foreign correspondents during World War II.

Mrs. Craig said yesterday that there was no need for anyone to raise their eyebrows when they heard about women newspaper correspondents.

She added: "The very fact that in Washington, there are more than a score who cover Congress every day indicates that women can, and do, make as competent correspondents as men."

Mrs. Fleson said that the main purpose of her round-the-world trip was to get the proper background and information of "real" news centres so she will better understand Congressional debates and inquiries on foreign areas.

She added: "For example, if Hong Kong is the issue being discussed in Congress in the future, I will have a picture in my mind of Hong Kong, and will know from my experience here, how to best present the news to my readers."

The correspondents, who left Washington on September 11, have already visited Honolulu, Johnston Island, Tokyo, Guam, Okinawa and Hong Kong.

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INCREASE IN BUSINESS RENTS SAID JUSTIFIED

Estate Duty

Revenue collected by the Estate Duty Commissioner's office during the year 1948-49, totalled HK\$3,336,349.73, as compared with HK\$2,437,732.15 the previous year.

The increase in revenue was HK\$898,617.58.

There were 293 cases in which penal duty was paid owing to delay in filing accounts.

Reminders

Today

The Barnstormers variety show, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Cocktail Party by Mr. and Mrs. Fung Ping-fan, in honour of Rotary International President and Mrs. Hodgson, Park Road, 6 p.m.

Court Brevities

So Wai, 31-year-old scaffolding coolie of 616 Reclamation Street, was fined \$250 or one month's imprisonment by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on each of two charges against him for driving a motor vehicle without a licence and driving the vehicle without the consent of the owner.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant was taken into custody on Tuesday afternoon at Sai Yung Choi Street.

Further inquiries revealed that the car, No. 7536, belonged to Mrs. Kwai Lee and that permission for defendant to drive the car was not given.

Caught with 35 tacks of opium strapped to his leg at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station, Chan Ping, traveller, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was also recommended by the magistrate for banishment after his term is served.

A Chinese herbalist was charged before Mr. A.D. Scholes at Central yesterday on two counts of practicing medicine for gain.

Defendant, Chen Chai-sang, of 11 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, was remanded to Saturday morning.

Private Sub-Inspector J. Howlett told the court that a much more serious charge might be preferred against defendant.

Mr. J.C. Stewart for defendant made an application for bail. He said that defendant had been in the Colony for 10 years and has a wife, four children and a mother to support. He is 46 years old and had a certificate from the Chinese Government.

Defendant, continued Mr. Stewart, was the principal tenant of a house for which he is paying \$152 for rent, and was unlikely to abscond.

DSJ. Howlett said that the question of bail should be deferred and that Mr. Stewart should renew his application on Saturday when he would give the court more facts about the case.

Summoned for being in control of 1,000 pounds of bleaching powder and 1,000 pounds of caustic soda without a licence, Mow Chui, of the Chui Wah Knitting Factory, was fined \$50 by Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. P.J. Griffin pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant and said that the supply was only sufficient for three days use. He also said that a licence for the goods was being applied for.

The prosecution contended that the goods constitute a danger.

Charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing two Leica cameras, the property of Mr. William C. Williams of 2 Duke Street, Chan Nai-chai and Cheung Wo, both car cleaners, were remanded until Saturday for hearing.

It was alleged that the cameras were stolen from private car No. 3052 parked outside the Alhambra Theatre on September 29.

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Government's proposal to permit a further increase of rental for business premises up to 100 per cent of the standard rent, was generally regarded as fair by the business community.

Shopkeepers who occupied premises paying controlled rent, told the "China Mail" that though business was far from good at present, the rents they had been paying were admittedly low as compared with general overhead expenses.

"Compared with what people have to pay for new premises, with key money and all that, we must say we're much better off," they said.

Occupiers of office premises shared this opinion in general, though there were a few black market offices than shops.

People paid as much as HK\$50,000 in key money for a shop where the rent is not under control and a similar sum for an office.

A manager of one of the leading firms in Hong Kong (he declined to be identified) supported the proposed increase in rents for business premises.

He said: "The increase is justified. Living costs have gone up and wages have been rising steadily. The overhead expenses of the real estate companies have risen considerably since the end of the year. It is only fair that they are given a reasonable rent."

"Do you know that it costs more than double the rent I am paying now to have my office white-washed?"

"I think all business firms—the majority of which are occupying premises controlled by the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance—are in a position to pay the proposed increase of from 45 per cent to 100 per cent."

"I am happy to see that Government does not contemplate increasing the rent for domestic premises. In this respect, the

tenants themselves are called upon by landlords to repair and keep the premises in good maintenance. As such, their overhead expenses cannot compare with the expenses of the big firms."

Landlords of business premises had been complaining over the last two years on the insufficiency of the 45 per cent increase permitted by the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

"It's not enough to pay for even maintenance expenses," said one property owner.

"The Urban Council has been pounding us for various repairs to premises, and you know what the present cost of labour is. If we don't comply, then we are dragged to Court, and it all amounts to our spending more than we collect in rent," they said.

The only complaint of property owners was that there was no similar action being taken in regard to domestic premises, rental of which were controlled.

"We are in the same spot as owners of business premises, but we suppose we must be victimised just because Government thinks we have to be the scapegoats because people living in our premises do not use the premises for profit-making basis," was the consensus of opinion of property owners who will not benefit from the new amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which controls the rentals chargeable by property owners in the Colony.

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THE RUSH HOUR



During the past week, a sudden increase of pressure on the island's travelling facilities has been noted. Trams and buses were taxed to the limit and office workers had great difficulty in boarding buses between 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Unusually big crowds are today seen queuing up at the bus stops and tram stops during the early hours of the night. Traffic Authorities are unable to explain this sudden increase in the patronage of trams and buses. There has been no increased influx of people from China. This photo shows the crowds waiting for trams at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Ice House Street.—"China Mail" Photo.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Radio Hong Kong

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Pilgrims' Gold Confiscated

An application for a review of a judgment involving the confiscation of gold bullion valued at more than \$20,000 belonging to four pilgrims to Mecca was refused by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. F. Nigel, on behalf of the pilgrims, made the application. On September 25 four Chinese women pilgrims on their way to Mecca by Pacific Overseas Airlines plane were arrested at Kai Tak just before the plane took off for Bangkok. On their persons were found altogether 94.9 tins of gold made up of gold bars and coins. On bail of \$20 each the pilgrims continued their voyage.

The next day when the case was called in court before Mr. d'Almada the gold was ordered confiscated and the bail extracted.

The defendants were Mrs. Sun-chin and her 14-year-old daughter, Ma Mong-fa and Ma Fat-to.

Asks Review

Mr. Nigel, on behalf of the pilgrims, asked for a review of the sentence, saying that his clients were from the remote province of Kansu and did not know the regulations. They are expected to return to the Colony within the next two months.

Mr. d'Almada refused the application on the grounds that when the defendants failed to show up when the case was called and under the ordinance he had no alternative but to order the confiscation of the gold.

Mr. d'Almada advised counsel to petition the governor-in-Council.

Weather Review

For September

The outstanding feature of September was the typhoon which passed 50 miles South of the Colony early on September 6, giving wind gusts of 80 knots at the Observatory, and 90 knots at the Airport.

Rainfall for the month was considerably above normal, and the heaviest fall, 162.7 mm. on September 8, accounting for over one-third of the total. Over one inch (25 mm.) of rain fell on five other days.

While temperatures, cloudiness and sunshine showed little departure from normal, relative humidity remained high, being six per cent above average.

The month's figures and departures from normal were—Sunshine: 208.8 hours (107 hours above normal); Rainfall: 623.3 mm. (171.1 mm. above normal); Cloudiness: 81 per cent (one per cent above normal); Relative Humidity: 85 per cent (six per cent above normal); Mean Maximum Temperature: 88.6°F (1.2°F above normal); Mean Temperature: 81.1°F (0.5°F above normal); Mean Minimum Temperature: 77.0°F (0.1°F above normal); Mean Dew Point: 76°F (3°F above normal).

MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES

Pan-American World Airways has acquired a 36 per cent interest in Middle East Airlines, which operates out of Beirut to Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad, the Persian Gulf Area and Turkey. It was announced here yesterday.

Scheduled flights of this airline will permit fast onward connections to offshore points, via Damascus, which is now served five times weekly by Pan-American Constellation type Clippers.

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Prosecution Witness Cross-Examined In Murder Trial

A denial that he had been in league with the three
ticket scalpers in a general association which
included ticket scalping in its line was made
by a prosecution witness at the Ticket Scalper
murder trial yesterday.

Li Fai, watchman, one of those attacked on May
7 by a gang of armed men in Moon Street,
Wanchai, further denied under cross-examina-
tion that he had been a member of the power-
ful Tan Yee Society but had left it to join
a rival society.

A suggestion by defence
counsel that witness had iden-
tified the five accused as hav-
ing taken part in the attack
because he wanted to "get his
own back" on the Tan Yee
Society, was also denied.

The five accused in the dock
before Mr. Justice Gould, Piusse
Judge, are Chan Kam-chun alias
Ah Tsai, Chan Kam-chun alias
Nga Tsai, Kwun Hung alias Lang
Hung, Leung Kau, and Li Wing
alias "Fat Shan".
Mr. V. J. D'Alton, instructed
by Mr. A. L. Akullis, is defend-
ing the first, second and fifth men.
The third and fourth are rep-
resented by Mr. A. J. Clifford on
the instructions of Mr. A. M. L.
Soares.

Mr. M. Hearn, Crown Coun-
sel, assisted by Detective Sub-
Inspector M. J. G. Saul, is pro-
secuting.

The case is being tried by an
all-men jury.
The five men in the dock are
standing trial charged jointly with
the murder of one Chan Hoi, ticket
scalper, on the evening of
May 7 this year outside the China
Theatre, Landale Street, Wanchai,
where the ticket scalpers were
operating.

Alleged Attack
According to the prosecution,
the accused in company with
many others not in custody
were alleged to have set upon
Chan Hoi and two other ticket
scalpers with swords, knives,
and choppers.
As a result of that attack, Chan
Hoi died while the two others
were seriously wounded. They
have since recovered.

It was also mentioned that the
gang was led by one "Four Eyes,"
notorious leader of the Tan Yee
Society which operates in Wan-
chai. "Four Eyes" is not in cus-
tody.

The three ticket scalpers were
accused to giving free tickets to
"Four Eyes" and certain mem-
bers of his gang whom they knew.
On that particular night however
they refused certain demands pur-
porting to come from "Four Eyes"
for free tickets. As a result of
their refusal, about 12 armed men
led by "Four Eyes" later in the
evening attacked the three.

The same gang still later at-
tacked a watchman in Moon
Street, Li Fai and wounded him.
When the Court commenced
hearing at 10 a.m. yesterday, Li
Fai had testified on behalf of the
Crown the day before, was no
present in Court for the purpose
of being cross-examined.

The defence thereupon applied
for a short adjournment of the
trial for the man to be found, on
the grounds that it was a murder
trial involving important issues
and that the cross-examination of
Li, if taken separately from the
evidence in chief, would not be
half as effective on the minds of
the jury. This application was
granted.

When Court resumed hearing
at 11.30 a.m., Li Fai then took
the stand. He explained to the
Court that he had gone to see
the doctor that morning as he
was feeling ill, and had then
been late.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton,
witness stated that he was a
tollmaker in the Naval Dock-
yard but had resigned last year
to look for another job. Subse-
quently he became a watchman.

He agreed with counsel that a
tollmaker's job was a far more
skilled job than that of a watch-
man.

Further questioned, Li disclosed
that he had worked at a yard in
Wanchai called "St. Francis
yard," where the Tan Yee Society
held their meetings. He denied
however that he was a member of
that society.

Straight To Court
Under cross-examination by
Mr. Clifford, witness asserted he
came straight to the Court by
himself after having seen the
doctor. He did not speak to any
detective or policeman between
the time he left the doctor's place
and the present time.

Mr. Clifford then asked if wit-
ness had not been kept at the
police station for some time by
the police that morning, to which
Li disagreed.

Pressed further on the matter,
witness revealed that it was one
Lau, a herbalist, whom he had
visited that morning in relation
to his illness. The place was at
Queen's Road.

Li denied that, till the police
found him that morning, he had
been kept out of the way.
Cross-examined on the subject
of the alleged attack on him by
the gang, witness stated that he
could not give any reason why he
should be attacked by them. He
agreed that the only person who
saw him being hit was a friend
of his named Poon Shun.

Witness further stated that the

men did not give any explanation
as to why they were ganging up
on him.

Mr. Clifford here put it to wit-
ness that he had been associated
with the three ticket scalpers in
a general association which in-
cluded ticket scalping in its line.
Witness replied he did not asso-
ciate with the ticket scalpers.

Counsel further suggested that
witness had been a member of the
Tan Yee Society, but had left it
to join a rival society, and further
that witness had identified the
five accused as having taken part
in the assault in order to get his
own back on the Tan Yee Society.
These were denied.

The trial continues at 10 a.m.
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less than his rivals would with
similar bad runs of cards. They
toss the other No Trump games
by going down only one trick.

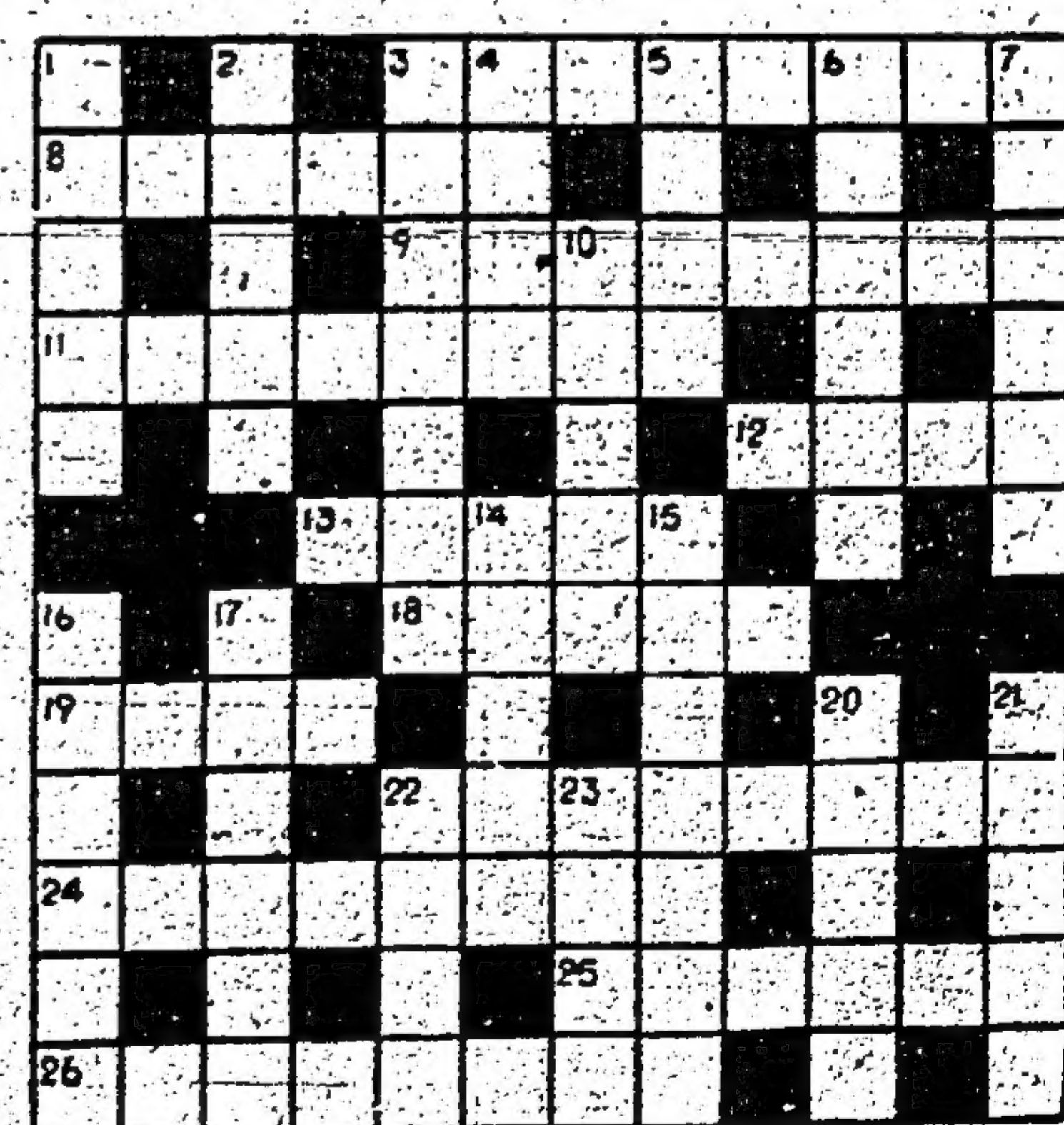
East led the spade 3 to the K.
The club 3 to the Q lost to the A,
heart 10 went to the A and the 6
return was won by the K. Now
the club 5 was won by the A,
spade 5 led to the 2 and 10, spade
6 to the A and North then did
his best work. With East's hand
read clearly by now, he scored
the diamond A and K and club J,
then threw East in with the dia-
mond 7 to the Q. That was the
setting trick, but it obliged East
then to lead from his last two
cards, the diamond 9-7, into the
Q-8 to give North the last two
tricks. It was a nice throw-in
play and, through limiting the
loss, won the tournament for that
pair.

(Dealer: East. East-West vul-
nerable.)
East South West North
Deal Pass Pass 1 H
Pass 2 C Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 C Pass 3 NT

In a big duplicate tournament,
the North-South top on this deal
came where South passed the 2-
No Trumps bid by North and the
latter then proceeded to make it
by good play. That gave him 76
for tricks, plus 50 points for
score bonus or 120 all told.
Where South tried a rebid of 3-
Clubs as a sign-off and North
then passed, the contract was
made, producing 60 for tricks
plus 50 bonus, or 110. That is
what happened at most tables. A
fair number got into the 3-No
Trump and were set two tricks

(Dealer: North. Neither side
vulnerable.)
After East wins the diamond 9
lead, covered by the 10, with the
A, how should he try to defeat
South's 4-Hearts?

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| 8 Cultivated | 2 Swift |
| 9 Bounding | 3 Tells |
| 11 Lift | 4 Mine gal- |
| 12 Passport | 5 Agitate |
| 13 Hindler | 6 Reviewer |
| 18 Drawing | 7 Outstanding |
| | 8 Native la- |
| | 9 bour |
| | 10 Patern |
| | 11 Clav |
| | 12 Rolls |
| | 13 Worry |
| | 14 Native la- |
| | 15 bour |
| | 16 Dab |
| | 17 Show in |
| | 18 Outstanding |
| | 19 Vehicle |
| | 20 Blemish |

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Revolver, 7 Poise,
8 Scatter, 10 Retail, 13 Adorned,
15 Anon, 17 Verdant, 18 Schemes,
20 Head, 21 Referee, 28 Barby, 27
Petrels, 28 Trait, 29 Succeeds.

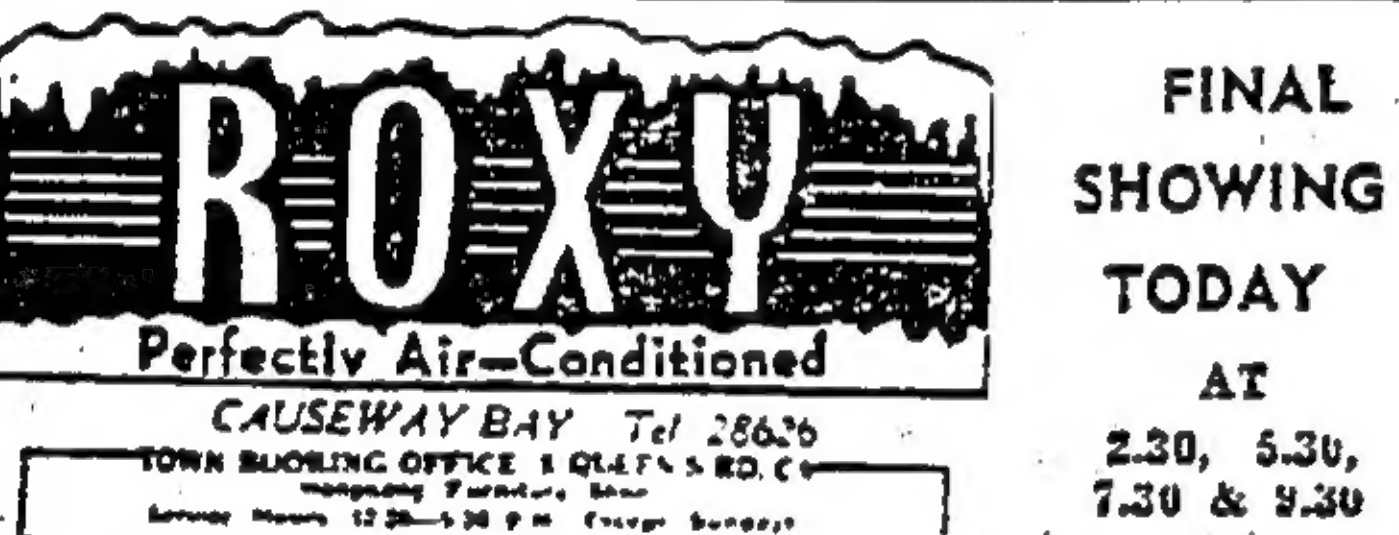
DOWN—1 Opera, 2 Ditto, 3
Resin, 4 Oats, 5 Vicious, 6 Re-
sist, 9 Clever, 11 Educ, 12
Armed, 14 Desert, 15 Adder, 16
Onset, 18 Shares, 19 Rectic, 22
Fasts, 23 Rival, 24 Eyois, 25 Mete.

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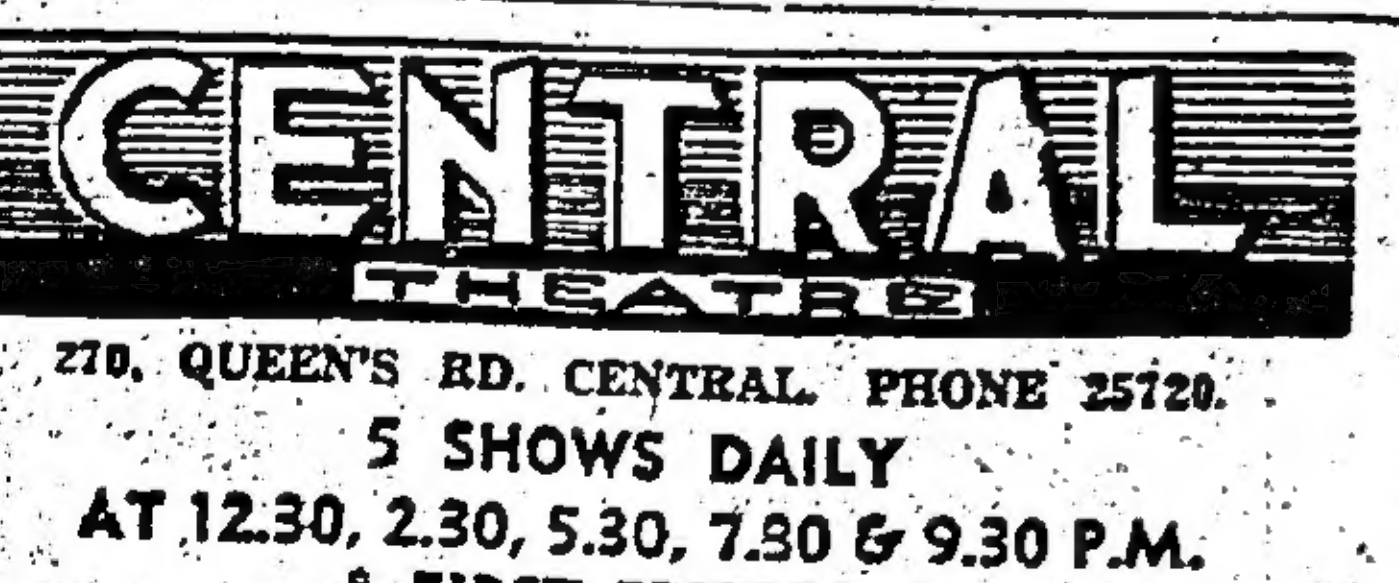
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UMBERTO TO SEE EX-QUEEN

Geneva, October 4. Ex-King Umberto of Italy may visit his wife, ex-Queen Marie Jose, in the near future, a member of the Queen's household said today.

She lives in exile at Merlinge near Geneva with her four children.

Ex-King Umberto lives in Portugal but is at present staying at Aix-les-Bains near Geneva.

The couple have been separated for some time and Marie Jose was not present at reunion of the House of Savoy at Cannes last week.

Umberto's mother, Queen Mother Helen, arrived in Geneva on Monday from Cannes to visit her daughter-in-law and her grand children.

Unconfirmed press reports in Geneva suggested that Queen Mother Helen might try to encourage a reconciliation between Umberto and Marie Jose.

The "Journal de Geneve", whose editor is a close personal friend of Marie Jose's brother, exiled King Leopold of Belgium, said today that the visits of Queen Mother Helen and ex-King Umberto would be strictly private, within the family, and that there was no question that the fortune of the late King Victor Emmanuel would be discussed.—Associated Press.

"WORLD CITIZEN" IN COURT

Paris, October 4. Garry Davis, 28-year-old "World Citizen No. 1," was sentenced to eight days' imprisonment here today for being in France without a residence permit.

The judge said that as Davis had already been a week in police custody this meant that he could go free tonight.

Davis renounced his American nationality 16 months ago to launch a "World Citizenship" campaign.

In court today, five witnesses testified to his good character. His Counsel handed to the judge over 100 telegrams from many parts of the world in support of his campaign.

Davis was detained in custody after having been arrested half a dozen times for "camping" outside the gates of the Paris-Cherche-Midi Military Prison.

He demanded that the French Government release Jean Moreau, a French conscientious objector, or else imprison him (Davis) too.

After Davis had been detained, the police successively arrested and released nearly 100 of his supporters who took turns in "camping" at the prison gates.—Reuter.

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20 CENTURY-FOX

Lake Success, October 4. The United Nations Secretary General, Dr. Trygve Lie, said today that Moscow had been mentioned as a meeting place for the General Assembly—but it was all in fun.

Dr. Lie was obviously irritated by a "New York Times" report that Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, had suggested that Russia should play host to the Assembly in 1953.

He clenched his fist and banged the table in his office when he told reporters that no official proposal of any kind to move the Assembly had been made to him.

The consensus of opinion among delegates is that the 1950 session will be held as usual at Lake Success and Flushing Meadows.

No one is making any moves about 1953.

On last Friday's dinner, given by M. Vyshinsky, when the suggestion was made, Dr. Lie commented: "It was just ordinary pleasant around-the-table talk. There was nothing else. No official proposal or anything of that kind was made. It was all laughing and smiling."

Dr. Lie said that in 1947 the United States delegate, Mr. Warren R. Austin, told M. Vyshinsky that an invitation from Moscow would be welcome but it never came.

Dr. Lie was opposed to moving the Assembly again.

He said the new Secretariat building in Manhattan will be ready for occupation late in 1950 or early in 1951 and that Assembly Committees will meet there rather than at Lake Success.

Plenary sessions will be held as usual at Flushing Meadows.

The deadline for new business before the Assembly was passed at noon today without any proposal for moving the Assembly being made.

Such a proposal may be considered later by two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

A Soviet delegation spokesman commented: "It is not an official declaration."

The "New York Times" had reported today that Andrei Vyshinsky had suggested that Russia play host to the UN General Assembly in 1953.

The newspaper said that the suggestion was made at a dinner last Friday at the Soviet delegation headquarters after the UN President, General A. G. R. Reza, had asked M. Vyshinsky whether the 1950 Assembly could convene in Moscow.

The "New York Times" said that M. Vyshinsky suggested 1953 but that Dr. Trygve Lie, the UN Secretary-General, who heard the reply asked why it could not be earlier.

M. Vyshinsky finally said that 1953 was all right, the newspaper added.

Berlin Preferred To Bonn As German Capital

Berlin, October 4. Anti-Communists in Berlin today voiced the hope that Russia's readiness to use the historic prestige of this city to bolster the new Eastern government expected to be set up soon would persuade the West German Republic to shift some of its governmental offices from Bonn to Berlin.

They argued that Berlin's emotional appeal to Germans as their capital should not be relinquished by West German leaders.

They also contended that the Allies should abandon their opposition to West Berlin becoming the 12th state of the Western Republic.

Largely on French insistence, the three Western occupation powers have blocked such incorporation of West Berlin. They claimed that it would violate old four-power agreements on Germany.

In addition, Allied policy has irritated anti-Communist Berliners by enforcing the complete dismantling of the Boris machine works in the French sector, throwing the last 200 employees on jobless rolls.

Anti-Communists say they are unable to reconcile this dismantling with reports that the European Recovery Programme may bring millions of American gift dollars soon to save West Berlin's industries from collapse.

Forty-one per cent of the Boris equipment is reported to be consigned to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Rumours about how far Russia would go in dissolving up the new Eastern Government with sovereign powers, gripped all political circles in Berlin.

Some said a Foreign Ministry would be permitted—contrasting with a lack of one at Bonn—and consular representatives would be accepted in all countries of the Soviet sphere.

Others conjectured that within a few months after the fledgling state had entered the Russian bloc, a formal peace treaty might be proposed by the Kremlin.

The Russians have repeatedly said they would be willing to withdraw all their occupation troops from Germany within a year after making peace.

In recent months German Communists have speeded recruitment of a "police arm" in the East zone, presumably to have it ready to maintain their control in case Soviet divisions leave.—Associated Press.

Eight Dead In Typhoon In Luzon

Manila, October 5. The death toll due to the typhoon which hit Northern Luzon early this week mounted to eight, according to Press reports today.

Five men were drowned when a ferry raft between two towns of Ilocos Norte was swept by the river flood to the China Sea.

Three others had previously been reported dead.—United Press.

Documentary Film On India

London, October 4. The world premiere of "India and Pakistan", a film review by the J. Arthur Rank organization in their monthly series "This Modern Age", was held in London today.

More than 50 foreign and British journalists saw the 20-minute documentary which was made in India and Pakistan during the winter of 1947.

The film deals with the problems of the two new Dominions and suggest that for the success of India and Pakistan five things are needed: the control of a too-rapidly increasing population, a willingness to exploit the best of their heritage from both the West and the East, intense effort, the sympathy and help of the Commonwealth as a whole, and world peace.

Beside the thousands of unnamed Indians and Pakistanis appearing on the screen, the film has close-up shots of the late Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the late Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

The Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers are also shown at 10 Downing Street with British and Commonwealth leaders during the last Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, and with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

Delegates have recently been talking about temporarily shifting the scene of UN operations out of the U.S. with suggestions made that the 1950 session be held in Paris, Edinburgh, Mexico City or some other city.

The "New York Times" said: "The Soviet development was regarded with special interest for, once the subject was opened, it was Mr. Lie who pressed for an early meeting in Moscow. The Secretary-General usually has opposed any shift from New York on the grounds of efficiency and economy, but it is assumed that Mr. Lie would abandon his stand if it meant any lessening of East-West suspicions—as indeed the Moscow meeting would be interpreted generally to mean."

The "New York Daily News" also reported the discussion at Friday's dinner but described the talk about a Moscow meeting as a Russian joke which backfired embarrassingly.

The "Daily News" quoted persons at the dinner as saying: "Everybody there understood that M. Vyshinsky was joking but heaven only knows what the effect of published stories will be." The sources of the quotation were not identified.—Associated Press.

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London, October 4.
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Labour Government asserted
today that books belong to
private enterprise.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, De-
puty Prime Minister, told the
National Book League: "I
have a sense of private prop-
erty in books."

"I do not much mind if
people confiscate my house
or my watch or my bed."

"But I will fight to the
death people who steal my
books or socialize my books."
—Associated Press.

PLANNING WORLD'S RAILWAYS

Brighton, October 4.

Railroad experts from almost
every country in Europe began
assembling here today to plot
railway connections from any-
where between Moscow and Lis-
bon and Athens to Narvik.

The Russian delegates were
not among the early arrivals to-
day, but they are expected in
time for the official opening of
the conference tomorrow.

Each year these experts meet
under the title of "The Interna-
tional Time-Table and Through-
Connection Conference." It was
held in Cracow last year. It is
18 years since Britain was last
the host.

For 10 days from tomorrow
the experts will wrestle with
every known European timetable
to smooth out many bad con-
nections, bring up to date res-
taurant car and sleeping car ar-
rangements; in fact, tackle every
problem impeding "clock-work"
European train travel.

The experts will pay as much
attention to the pipeline railway
services patterning Europe as to
the "aristocrats" of continental
travel—the Orient Express, the
Blue Bird, the Golden Arrow, the
Stockholm-Rome Express.

Even the "aristocrats" have
to pick up at connecting junc-
tions served by the "local"
lines, and time is always pre-
cious for any traveller.

And an eye has also to be kept
on steamer and barge services,
which make up the rest of the
chain of continental transport.—
Reuter.

Dr. Jose Arce, chief Argentine delegate, called
today for immediate independence of Libya
and Eritrea.

His plan was generally accepted as representative
of the feeling about former Italian colonies
by Latin American nations, all strong friends
of Italy in the United Nations.

The Latin Americans met on Monday to decide
their stand on the colonies question.

Dr. Arce agreed that Italian
Somalia is not ready for in-
dependence but he said its
autonomy should be safeguarded.
Dr. Arce suggested that a pro-
visional government should be
established in Tripolitania, Cyre-
naica and Fezzan, each electing
the government that suits its
needs.

He added: "The Political Com-
mittee has no right to suggest
any certain type of regime for
these territories."

He proposed that two United
Nations Committees should pre-
pare the road for independence
of the three territories.

One Committee would deal
with the provisional governments
for Tripolitania and Fezzan and
the other would consider Cyre-
naica with Italy's assistance.

Outlet To Sea

Dr. Arce said he hoped that
independent Eritrea would im-
mediately sign a treaty of
friendship with Ethiopia, giv-
ing the latter an outlet to the
sea.

Dr. Arce said that Argentina
would continue to support Italy
for United Nations membership.
Favez el Khouri, Syria, assailed
France who, he said, had
"snatched Fezzan."

He said that Syria would sup-
port the Soviet resolution, "as a
sacred duty."

El Khouri said that France is
not willing to yield Fezzan, add-
ing: "If this is to be the French
attitude about an area they con-
quered less than eight years ago,
I wonder what will be their atti-
tude when the time comes to
speak of Tunisia, Algeria and
Morocco."

Egypt's Demand

El Khouri praised the United
States' treatment of the Philip-
pines and the British and Soviet
attitudes toward the African
area.

He attacked the French and
British mandatory powers which
took over the Arab States after
the first world war, saying that
they sowed dissension in and mis-
managed the areas then blamed
the inhabitants.

The Egyptian delegate, Kamel
Abdallah Rahim, demanded im-
mediate independence for Libya
and called for a readjustment of
the frontier with Egypt through
direct negotiations between Egypt
and independent Libya.

Rahim said that any decision
on disposing of Libya, Eritrea
and Somalia must "settle the
important matter of appro-
ximately adjusting the bound-
aries of these three territories
with the countries which ad-
join them."

Rahim said that ultimate ob-
jective in Somalia should be
the "maximum degree of self
government and independence"
and the solution for Eritrea must
take "into most serious consid-
eration the wishes and welfare of
the inhabitants, their racial and re-
ligious attitudes as well as the
just claims of Ethiopia."

Need for Clarification

Rahim suggested that a special
committee of 50 administering
powers and three other nations,
including one Arab state, should
be set up for Libya.

He also suggested three mem-

Always Egyptian

Outlining past Egyptian claims
for boundary readjustments with
Libya covering the Sollum Pla-
teau, the Dakhla Oasis and the
cases of Arkhob and Oweinat
and Sarra Wells, Rahim said:
"These territories have always
belonged to Egypt according to
irrefutable historical documents in
our possession."

"Some of these territories
were detached from Egypt in the
aftermath of the first world war
and were annexed to Libya
which at that time was part of
the Italian Empire."

"It is not with the covetous
aim of territorial aggrandisement
that Egypt asks for this read-
justment."

"In fact, the territory involved
is a small desert area of no
economic importance and of no
consequence to Libya," contin-
ued Rahim, "but to Egypt it con-
stitutes vital adjustment of
her boundaries, an adjustment
which is long overdue and
which is indispensable to her
national security. It derives its
elements of legality from events
of our history."

He said that Egypt "finds no
objection in negotiating such
boundary readjustments with an
independent Libyan government
and earnestly hopes to settle
them with her sister country in
the spirit of mutual friendly co-
operation."

Lesson of War

Cairo military sources have
said that the strategic impor-
tance of the areas to Egypt's
defence was learned during
the North Africa fighting in
World War II.

Rahim said that Libya's inde-
pendence should provide the
shortest possible period of tran-
sition during which a free elec-
tion should be held for a con-
stitutional assembly which would
adopt a constitution for united
Libya.

During this period, he said,
"the two administering authori-
ties, Britain and France, will
transfer the administration of
the country to the Libyans and
in no way act to prejudice the
unity of Libya with its three
component provinces."

Rahim said that "it is the firm
opinion of the Egyptian dele-
gation that Libya is an indivisible
unit. Any idea of dividing this
Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fez-
zan, its present artificially cre-
ated provinces, should be discarded
as both impracticable and un-
just." —Associated Press.

Reds Clash With Police



Trucks block tram rails during fighting between Communists and police in Sesto San Giovanni, Red stronghold in Northern Italy. The clash stemmed from a march by operatives from the Bread from the East Committee who demanded that bonuses be paid to dismissed workers. The demonstrators built barricades across the main Sesto-Milano road, and in the gun battle which followed three policemen were wounded. (Associated Press photo).

HAGUE DISPUTE OVER DEBTS OF INDONESIA

The Hague, October 4.

The Indonesian delegates, negotiating here with
the Dutch, have estimated that Holland spent
3,000 million guilders on her two "police
actions" in the archipelago, according to
usually reliable sources today.

The sources said that the Indonesian negotiators
are urging, in the national debt discussions
now foremost at the seven-weeks-old round-
table conference here, that the sum should
be deducted from the debt to be assumed by
the proposed new United Republic in Indo-
nesia.

Dutch sources gave the figure
of Indonesia's indebtedness to
the Netherlands at 6,300 million
guilders, split into a 3,300 million
guilders external debt and a 3,000
million guilders internal debt.
This Indonesian sources said,
would be "crippling" to the pro-
ductive capacity of their new
State and "quite unacceptable."
After deducting the cost of the
Dutch military actions, they
estimated Indonesia's internal
and external debt at 2,600
million guilders.

"We are willing to co-operate
with the Dutch, to employ their
experts, to give them preferences
in trade at competitive prices
and to consult them on financial
policy, but we cannot be forced
an Indonesian Republican spokes-
man said.

Cannot Agree

"But we are sovereign and
we cannot agree to assume
debts about which we are not
consulted at the time and
arising from actions directed
against us."

A financial agreement at the
round-table conference, he claim-
ed, now depends almost entirely

on the outcome of the talks on
the costs of the military actions.

Costs indirectly connected with
the Dutch "police actions" are
included in the Indonesian deduc-
tions from the national debt,
usually reliable sources said.

They include a variety of items,
of which a typical example is the
cost of distributing rice in areas
overrun by the Dutch Army in
the course of their military
actions.

"Exaggerated"

Dutch sources were unwilling
to comment on the Indonesian de-
duction demands, except to say
that the Indonesians had "rather
exaggerated ideas" on the mili-
tary expenditure.

They were prepared informally
to let the Indonesian delegations
know what the military outlay
had been.

The Steering Committee of the
conference this afternoon ap-
proved the rules of procedure
for hearing Indonesia's "signifi-
cant interests"—political and
ethnic groups within the archi-
pelago with special wishes about
their relationship to the proposed
new United Republic.

The groups, including Min-
ahassa (North Celebes), Tapanuli,
Bengkulu and Djambi (Sumatra)
and sections of Dutch Timor,
will be heard by a special sub-
committee.

Autonomy Or Independence

They are seeking either
autonomy within the Federal
Republican structure or wish
to remain outside it, preferring

a direct relationship with The
Netherlands.

Dr. J. S. Warouw, former East
Indonesian State Minister and
Chairman of Minahassa Political
Committee, said afterwards that
his Committee were not satisfied
with this decision. They did not
want to be heard by a "sub-
committee of a Committee."

The Minahassa people rejected
the proposed United Republic
of Indonesia as "unfederal" and
undemocratic. They demanded
a plebiscite before Dutch
sovereignty was transferred.

Dr. Warouw alleged that the
United Nations Commission on
Indonesia had wilfully led the
round-table conference in an
undemocratic direction. The
Netherlands Government, because
of its "weakness," would be
partly responsible for possible
chaos in Indonesia.

He claimed that the best politi-
cal organization for Indonesia
would be on the basis of the
American system.—Reuter.



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INDIA AND PAKISTAN DISPUTE OVER RUPEE

New Delhi, October 4.

Devaluation of the Indian Rupee—which has brought almost complete suspension of transactions with Pakistan—will be debated by the Constituent Assembly today.

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, is expected to present the Government's reasons for devaluating simultaneously with the British Pound.

The Government has already said that it devalued reluctantly, having been forced into it by widespread devaluations in other parts of the Commonwealth.

The fact that Pakistan did not devalue its Rupee, thereby in effect raising its prices to all devaluing nations, is certain to be discussed during the debate. Reliable reports from New Delhi today say that both Dominions believe an inter-Dominion conference necessary to solve the questions involved.

These reports say that pending such a conference, the Reserve Bank is not likely to fix a rate.

Jute Position

India's most important import from Pakistan is jute. India already has increased the export duty on jute and has to pay to export demands from raising jute prices.

Jute mill owners have promised not to raise prices internally and not to buy raw jute at uneconomic prices.

It is reliably estimated that the Indian jute industry can do without Pakistani jute imports for at least six months.

Indian textile mills dependent on Pakistani cotton will be harder hit; they do not have big stocks of raw cotton.

Reports from Dacca, the Eastern Pakistan jute centre, say that lack of Indian buying has brought the raw jute trade almost to a standstill with prices off sharply.

Jute is not the only trade stopped by the Rupee disparity.

Rupee Rate

Other private traders find it almost impossible to conduct inter-Dominion business. Bankers say that remittances to and from Pakistan are piling high. Firms based in India with employees in Pakistan cannot pay them.

Meanwhile, the price of the Pakistani Rupee is sliding in unauthorized private transactions.

The New Delhi newspaper "The Statesman" reports that immediately after Pakistan's announcement of the new exchange ratio, 100 Pakistani Rupees were quoted privately for 127 Indian. At present it says the difference is only about seven Rupees.

The rate fixed by Pakistan is 100 Pakistani for 144 Indian Rupees.—Associated Press.

DRAIN ON BRITISH RESERVES REDUCED

Interim Account Given By Cripps

Lake Success, October 4.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, disclosed tonight that Britain's dollar drain was reduced by £10,000,000 during the third quarter of this year compared with the second quarter.

He also disclosed that in the 12 days following devaluation day (September 18) Britain's reserves rose by £20,000,000 as a result of money reaching the country after the alteration of the exchange rate.

Addressing bankers and merchants at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Stafford gave these figures, which he explained were quoted at the old rate of exchange of \$4.03 to the Pound.

Britain's deficit for the first quarter of 1949 was £82,000,000, and for the second £157,000,000. The third quarter figure was £133,000,000. Against that £133,000,000 was set £7,000,000 drawn on the Canadian credit and £71,000,000 of ECA reimbursements and other Marshall Aid. The total deficit was thus reduced to £55,000,000 for the third quarter, compared with £65,000,000 in the second quarter.

Philippines Trade With America

Manila, October 5.

Talks on a long stalled treaty of commerce between the Philippines and the United States will be resumed in the immediate future.

President Elpidio Quirino named the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Felino Neri, to head a Philippine team following a conference with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Myron M. Cowen. The United States, it is understood, wishes to conclude negotiations by the end of the year.

A commerce agreement is expected to open the way for American investments, trade and financial activity in the island under President Truman's point four programme.

Negotiations began in 1947 between the two countries and ended in disagreement on eight points. Counter-proposals have reduced the obstacles to four points, chief of which is reciprocal rights for Filipinos in the United States for privileges extended here.—Associated Press.

SMUTS' VISIT TO BRITAIN

London, October 4.

The former South African Premier, Field Marshal J. C. Smuts, is coming to Britain for a 10-day visit about November 15.

He will be guest of honour at a banquet celebrating the 75th birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Israeli Republic. The occasion is to take place in the last weeks of the month.

Marshal Smuts and Dr. Weizmann are old friends.—Associated Press.

activities in Germany under review and said: "We do not want a rigid and abstract programme but a programme in permanent contact with reality."

He warned the German people: "Do not betray your own history." Professor Adam Schaff, of Poland, said: "We have no right to pass over in silence the incitement to revenge at present going on in Germany. UNESCO must remain faithful to its code of principles."—Reuter.

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Australia Again Denies Loan Report

Canberra, October 4.

Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said tonight that a loan could be floated on the public market in America only at a ruinous rate of interest.

He had hoped that there would be no depreciation of the Australian Pound but Australia had become the victim of uncontrollable circumstances.

The Prime Minister was winding up the House of Representatives' budget debate.

Repeating an earlier denial, he said: "If we apply to the International Monetary Fund for a loan, and no application has been made yet it would be in consultation with the United Kingdom."—Reuter.

ATTLEE-WINSTON TALKS ON DEFENCE

London, October 4.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Conservative Leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, will have a private talk on defence—including atomic bomb developments—soon after Parliament resumes on October 18.

It will be the third of a series of defence talks between Government and Opposition leaders but the first since the recent Anglo-American-Canadian communique announcing an atomic explosion in the Soviet Union.

The evidence that Russia has the secret of the atomic bomb may lead to an extension of the series of private talks, in which the principal colleagues of both the Prime Minister and the Opposition leader will join.

Suggestions made in some quarters that the Government may abandon its policy of compulsory military service and rely on a small but highly qualified regular army are discredited by official sources. Speculative reports said that some such proposal might be advanced in the Government-Opposition talks.—Reuter.

FOREIGN OFFICE APPOINTMENT

London, October 4.

Robert Hankey, head of the Northern Department of the Foreign Office since 1946, will replace Douglas Howard as British Charge d'Affaires in Madrid.

Mr. Howard's appointment as Ambassador to Uruguay was announced last night.

The British Embassy in Madrid has been under a Charge d'Affaires since December, 1946, when the Ambassador, Sir Victor Mallet, was withdrawn in obedience to a United Nations decision.

Before returning to the Foreign Office in 1945, Mr. Hankey, who is 45, was Charge d'Affaires in Warsaw.—Reuter.

JEWISH AGENCY CLOSES DOWN

Frankfurt, October 4.

The Frankfurt office of the German branch of the Jewish Agency closed today. An official announced that the work of the Agency in Germany was practically finished, and that mass Jewish emigration had ended.

Offices in Berlin and Munich would remain open until the end of the year after which Jewish emigration would be handled by the Israeli Consulate.—Reuter.

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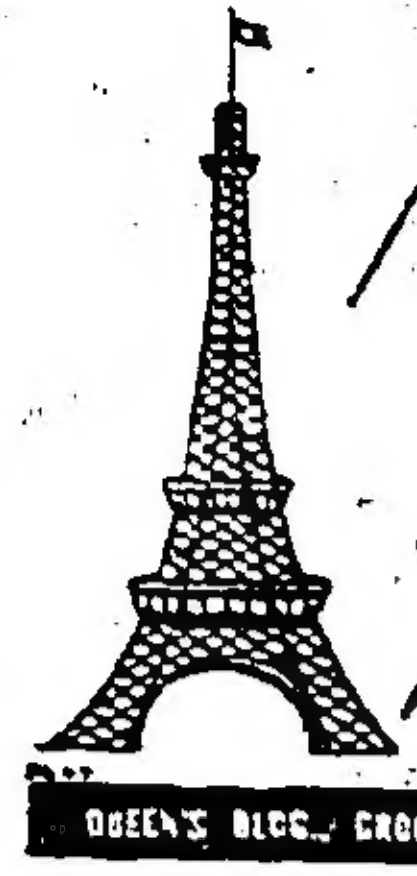
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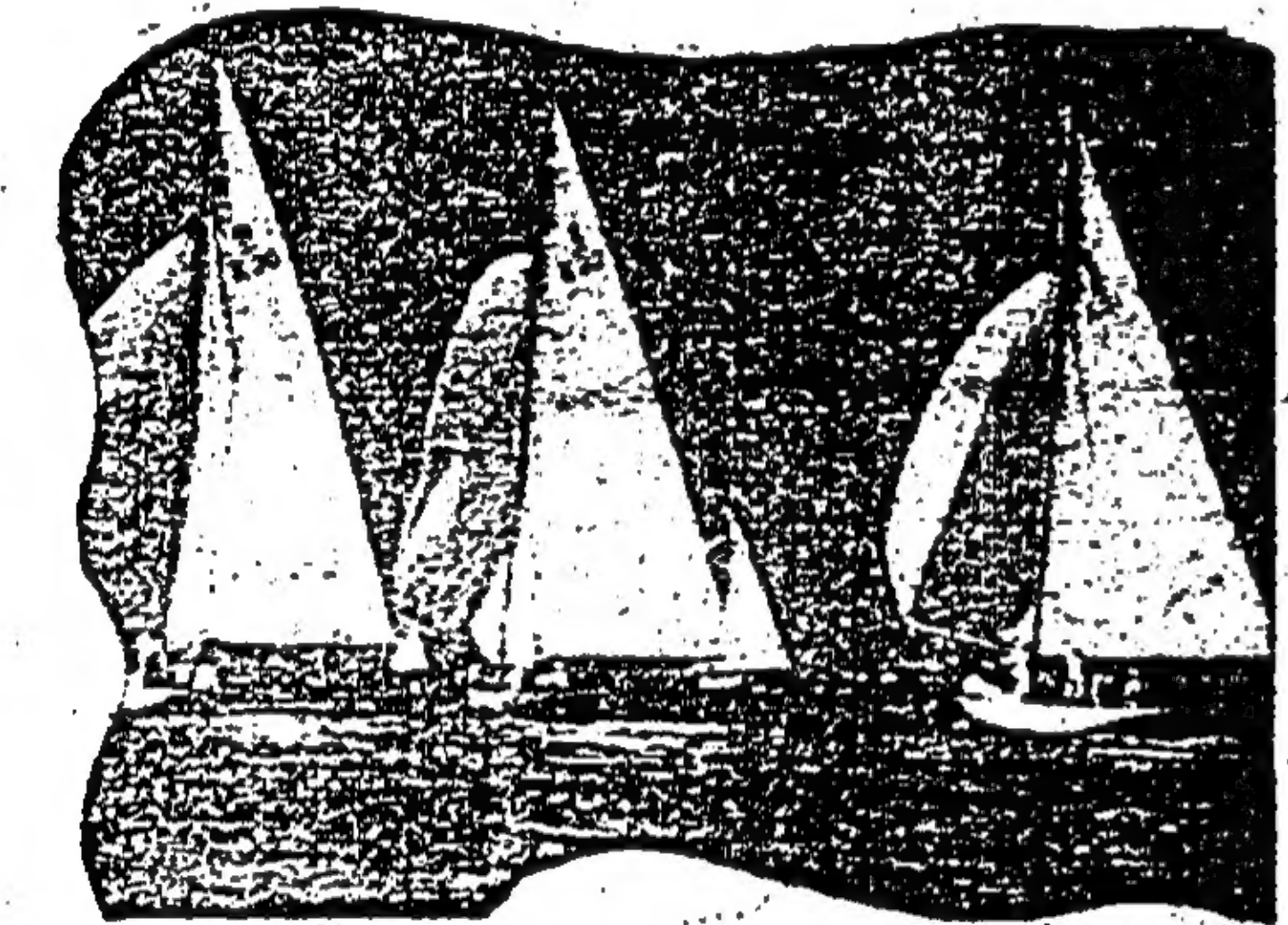
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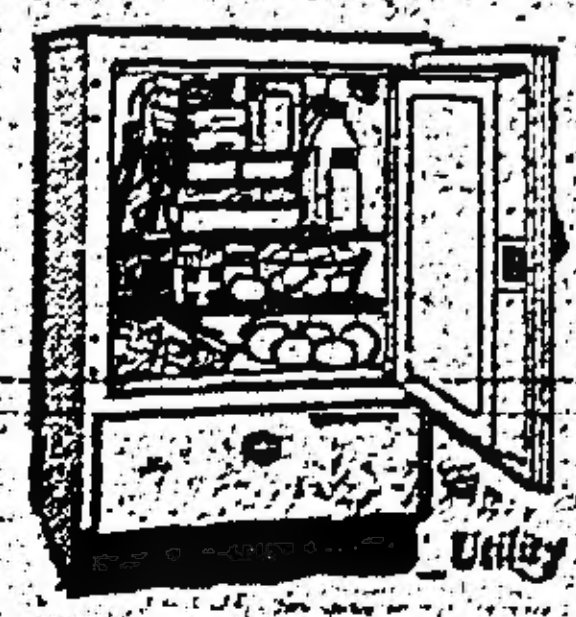
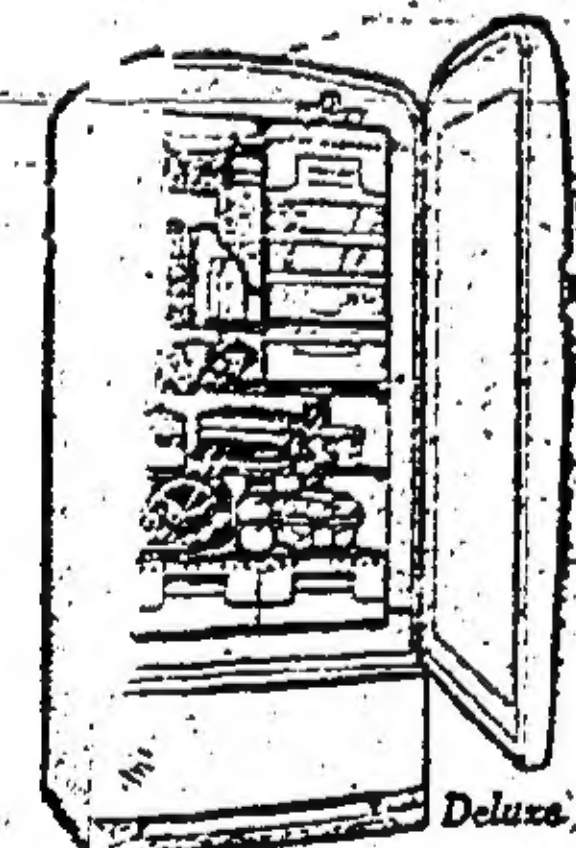
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TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Without any wish to harass the department in question, but primarily from the point of public welfare, we have on several occasions in recent months referred to Hong Kong's traffic problems. These seem to worsen as the weeks go past, partially no doubt due to the gradual increase of population, but no overall plan has been put into operation to remedy the situation.

The police admittedly have a difficult task. They are confronted with streets designed for rickshaws and sedan chairs which since the war have blossomed forth with myriads of multi-coloured, mass-produced American vehicles of enormous size and bulbous appendages designed for the open highways of a 3,000-mile-wide country, not narrow roads winding round the side of a rock.

Apart from the danger and congestion, each of these cars is equipped with electric horns of the most penetrating quality, few of which are out of use for more than a few seconds in central areas. This is a public nuisance of the highest order, and we heartily welcomed the announcement some months ago that silent zones were planned where this infernal cacophony was to be banned. The measure, however, has never been put into practice, and meanwhile the triumphant blaring continues unabated.

As the volume of streamlined drawing-rooms on our streets kept increasing, we looked forward to another promised relief—the provision of pedestrian crossings where ordinary individuals going about their daily business could walk from one pavement to another without taking their life in their hands. The now-fading white lines painted at some busy places are ignored by most local drivers, unless there is a policeman on point duty. It may be the authorities' view that official crossings are useless here unless traffic lights are installed at each point, but if so the view has not been publicly announced.

The non-vehicular citizen of Hong Kong has, normally, little influence, but one would have imagined certain safeguards would have been insisted on from the point of view of public safety. It is almost unknown, for example, for a motor car, especially a taxi, to give the right of way to passengers alighting from a tram. They have to huddle back against the rush of traffic until such time as a gap enables them to run to the pavement. In Britain, when a tram stops, the motorist behind immediately draws up. But not in Hong Kong.

It is not in the power of the police at the moment to do much more than they have done to eliminate traffic jams and other irritations of this kind. Noteworthy improvements were made in the provision of central parking places, etc., and considerable thought has obviously been given to the easing of the flow of vehicles, etc. But nuisances such as those enumerated above could be stopped, and it is difficult to see why this has not been done.

URANIUM FOUND IN SWITZERLAND
Bern, October 4. (AP)—Swiss Atomic Energy Commission stated that uranium had been found in the canton of Ticino but not in quantities workable by present technique. The Commission warned "simple-minded" reporters against paying "exaggerated prices" for uranium which, it said, was a substance no rarer than tin.

Is Socialism On The Way Out?

By FRANK MACMILLAN

There's No Alternative To Franco

By W. T. STUTTARD

Bronzed and well after his sojourn in San Sebastian, there is no doubt that Franco, after some 12 years at the head of affairs, is still as firmly in the saddle as ever he was.

During these hot and dry summer months I have questioned many people of all classes about an alternative to Franco.

People have been asked to consider the alternative of a military dictatorship, or a return to the Republic, or a return to the Civil War. The horrors of the Civil War have been too recent for many to consider a return to the Republic. The horrors of the Civil War have been too recent for many to consider a return to the Republic.

Little Opposition
Spaniards can never forget the horrors of the Civil War. The horrors of the Civil War have been too recent for many to consider a return to the Republic. The horrors of the Civil War have been too recent for many to consider a return to the Republic.

Ten years abroad, living on the money taken out of Spain has been far too long. They are quite disgruntled and have no following inside Spain. A new generation is growing up to whom the names of such Socialist leaders as Prieto and Trifon Gomez mean nothing at all.

Within Spain, the anti-Franco elements are now more disunited than they have ever been.

Some of them are carrying on a very precarious underground movement. After 10 years of close police persecution, their morale is now pretty low.

France's reluctance to experiment with a little liberty cannot simply be dismissed as a Dictator's dog-in-the-manger attitude. Spain's problems are more complicated than that. There is no democratic tradition to fall back on and tyranny is an old Spanish custom.

Spain has always been a peculiarly unfavourable soil for the growth of parliamentary methods of government.

Two brief attempts at Republican Government in 1870 and the other in 1931 ended in ignominious failure. The republic of 1931 to the Civil War of 1936 was an ugly farce with more than 20 political parties and a rapid succession of Cabinets.

France's regime still firmly rests on the three pillars of the Army, Church and Falange. There is only one organisation in Spain that could dispose Franco, and that is the Army. The military hold the key. But I can confidently state there is not the slightest sign yet of their wanting to transfer loyalty.

Democratic government as it is understood abroad, I am afraid, will not be seen in Spain for some time. Spain is doomed to be governed by a Military Dictatorship or a Dictatorship of the Proletariat. With so much bitterness left behind by the Civil War, no middle course seems likely to prosper for some years in Spain.

A Frivolous Picture

Meanwhile, Madrid presents a gay frivolous picture of prosperity. Impressive marble-fronted new banks are taking the place of old cafes, trams are being dug up in the centre of Madrid and new grass-verged thoroughfares are being laid for the new trolley cars and trolley buses, people are flocking to bullfights in the grilling sun or all-in wrestling at midnight. Thousands are talking excitedly about football. More and more tourists come in.

But, beneath the shiny surface, Franco's economic and financial position continues in a very enigmatic state. Spain, however, is a land of great endurance and things will have to get very bad indeed before any change in the present firmly-seated regime can be forced through its weak economy.

"Warning Strike" In France

Paris, October 4. The 300,000-strong French Federation of Independent Trade Unions today decided to call a one-day warning strike to protest against the Government's refusal to increase wages.

The Federation appealed to workers of all unions to join the movement.

The Paris area Unions (non-Communist) trade unions asked the Government to launch a similar strike.

All French trade unions are asking for immediate wage increases, pending the re-convening of the National Assembly on October 18, when a return to free discussion of wages will be debated.—Reuter.

One of the most interesting and significant incidents during the recent session of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg was the failure of the Socialist representatives from many countries to secure the chairmanship of any of the permanent commissions.

It was openly admitted also that the final report on European economic co-operation had divided the Socialist and non-Socialist—and that the latter had agreed in opposing the classic Socialist theories of "directed" economic policies.

This might not have seemed to be very important considering that the Council had previously elected as its first President the famous Belgian Socialist leader, Monsieur Paul-Henri Spaak.

But Monsieur Spaak had just given the office of President of Belgium after elections in which the Socialists had been badly beaten. And Monsieur Spaak is regarded with great suspicion by the doctrinaire Socialists in Belgium. He is regarded with scarcely less distaste by a good many British Socialists because he had frankly abandoned any attempt at rigid Socialist planning in Belgium. As a result, the Belgian currency is one of the most stable in Europe and Monsieur Spaak's country was able to offer Britain substantial credits during recent financial talks.

Monsieur Spaak has, in fact, been a successful Premier by refusing to adopt the theories to which the French, British and other Socialist parties cling. If the Belgian Socialists had not been so suspicious of the success of their leader, they would have done much better at the elections in June.

But the Belgian elections—and

the Strasbourg vote—are merely indications that Socialism in Europe is expiring. "Socialism" is too early yet to talk of a "slump."

The 1948 elections in Italy saw the extremist Socialists of Signor Nenni almost wiped out. The British Socialist leaders saw the approaching defeat at the last moment and switched over to support the moderate Socialists. But the Party which swept the polls was the uncompromisingly anti-Communist Christian Democrat movement.

The elections in Belgium this year followed a similar pattern with a victory for the Catholic Party, whose most important leader is Monsieur van Zeeland.

The trend was emphasised on an international scale at Strasbourg, where the only Socialist who received the warm welcome of the delegates were—Monsieur Spaak and Mr. Bevin—both of whom were elected by their own doctrines.

The latest evidence of the swing away from Socialism was in the German elections when the Social Democrats—heavily favoured by British policy ever since the war, despite some unpleasantly nationalist pronouncements by their leader, Dr. Schumacher, were beaten for first place by the Christian Democrats.

In Belgium and Germany, the orthodox Socialists have chosen to go into Opposition. This was partly due to tactical considerations. But it was also due to the fact that one of the other leading Parties was willing to hand over direction of economic affairs to Socialist theorists.

In France and Britain, there have been only local and county

council elections within the last year. In both, there has been a clear tendency away from Socialism. In Britain, there is no party corresponding to the Christian Democrats who have won the Continental elections. These parties are roughly described as Catholic Centre.

But the trend of opinion is towards a more Liberal approach to the solution of economic difficulties. Before the war, it would have been unthinkable to find Christian Democrats and Continental Liberals in coalition, because they were bitterly divided on the old 19th century issue of anti-clericalism.

Just after the war, the Socialist parties in Europe felt that they were winning all along the line and people abroad looked with some admiration at the British acceptance of economic austerity. Now the average foreigner wonders how the British public endures policies which seem to them to be obvious failures—and which they have tried and abandoned.

Among Continental politicians, also, there is a realisation that the danger of a too powerful State is the menace of the 20th century. The clearest statement of this view was contained in a discussion between Sir Stafford Cripps and Signor de Gasperi.

Sir Stafford argued that the democratic state must continue to take over all the major sources of economic power.

Signor de Gasperi—working from an equally Christian conception—answered that through Socialism "you can create an all powerful and impersonal State machine you will never be able to stop. Socialism, like Stalinism, will crush man. I think that Christian society should be oriented towards the guarantee of the liberty of the individual and of the liberty of enterprise."

The Old Venice Has Gone

The ghost of Byron, if it ever limps across the Square of St. Mark, Venice, is going to be startled through those shadowy colonnades.

The gilded masques, the gay balls of a hundred years ago, where gentlemen spoke of love to ladies who smiled behind their fans, and Byron's own exquisite Teresa shook her golden curls, have gone forever.

The stately palaces still front the waterways, and the gondolas glide through the shadows, but the old Venice has vanished away.

Not the buildings of a city, but the people who pass through it and live and give it its special and peculiar quality. That is why Venice has changed.

It has become a tourist "boom town." Here the world comes to walk and talk to wonder and admire, to play and seek pleasure. The gondola, which floats past your window is more likely to have the nasal burr of Minnesota or the twang of Lancashire than an Italian lilt.

But, however wistfully you mourn the disappearance of the Venice of the old, romantic days, there comes (especially if you are fresh from the rigours of Britain) a base, materialistic whisper in your soul which says: "At least, and live in it, give it its special and peculiar quality. That is why Venice has changed."

You fight back this unworthy thought while you nibble delicately at a massive, half-inch steak, topped with an egg, preceded by a plate of steaming ravioli, and washed down with a bottle of Chianti (total cost nine shillings if you look for a restaurant well away from the main centre).

It is difficult sternly to regret the passing of the eighteenth century when you come into your room, hot and tired at half past midnight, and they at once bring you a long, cool drink and turn on your bath.

In any case, Venice still has an atmosphere all her own. You can feel it when you sit in the morning sunlight on one of the outdoor tables of Florian's famous cafe in the Piazza San Marco, sipping your glass of vermouth and watching the cosmopolitan parade go by.

The contrasts are vivid—film Italian with their white hair and laughing eyes, dapper, elderly boys signing for the days that are gone; a Momma and Poppa from Ohio keeping a sharp eye on Junior's susceptibility to Southern smiles, and perhaps an independent English talker, hating herself and brushing off the guides like flies.

Illusions

And every morning an official of the town comes into the great Square to feed the pigeons of St. Mark's.

If you are a romantic tourist, however, you may forfeit some illusions. There is the legend of the singing gondolier, carolling some old Venetian melody as you brush through the quiet canal. He has been to Venice many times, and only once have I heard a gondolier's voice raised in tune. He was giving a spirited rendering of "The Woody Woodpecker's Song."

For me, at any rate, it is in hidden, unexpected places that Venice catches the imagination. To forsake the gondolas and the steam ferry, and to walk deep into the heart of the waterways is an enchanting experience.

Threading through the maze of winding canals, with a little out-bridge which lie between St. Mark's Square and the Rialto, you enter another, older world. Here are small, dusty antique shops with sixteenth century maps, and exquisite Dresden figures in the windows. And dark,

cool cafes with bead curtains to keep out flies, where swarthy Venetians gather to gossip, and to talk turn incessantly to politics and the national passion of football.

And every now and then a fine doorway, an old window, or a sudden, revealing prospect between bridge and dark canal to

bring flooding back the recollection that this was Marco Polo's town, and one of the richest and most beautiful in Europe.

It is in the churches, the galleries, and above all in the Palace of the Doge that Venice's former greatness is best brought home. There on the walls blaze the splendid canvases of Titian, Veronese, and Bellini and Titian, and the ceilings move and glow with the superb paintings of Veronese.

They represent ways of life and a standard of values, some good, some bad, which have gone for ever. The modern Venetian has other interests.

I was walking late the other afternoon down a quiet, cool street in Venice when I passed a cafe from which a radio was blaring. Inside and in front of it stood a growing crowd of men. Glances and walters alike were leaving their counters. The crowd was beginning to fill the street.

There was none of the talk and chatter which are taught to associate with Latin public gatherings. Each face was strained and eager.

Filled with ominous visions of the rise of a new Mussolini—another strident dictator trying to awake the arrogance of the Latin soul—I joined the crowd and listened.

I need not have worried. They were listening to the last ten minutes of the Italy-Hungary football match.

As I walked away, I was reminded of an Italian friend who suddenly told me one evening that Italy was in decline, that unless there was a great change she would never rise to greatness. A little embarrassed by this unexpected national humility, I asked him why.

"Her forwards," he replied despondently, "they are not good in front of goal."

In The Past
One might sum up the Venice that most tourists see—the glass factories on Murano, the water festivals strung along the night lagoon with lights—by saying that it is a shell. A beautiful and fascinating shell, no doubt, but the special quality of life which once gave that beauty its meaning has gone.

Only very late at night, when every one else is indoors, and only the buildings remain, does Venice slip back in time. Then, if you walk softly down the famous Rialto Bridge, past the house of St. Mark's Cathedral, and reach the quayside, you may step into the past and glimpse in the long gondola, which shoots out from the jetty the pale face of the lame English poet going to keep a tryst a century old.

An Expert's Views On Pregnant Elephants

A subject of puzzlement to animal lovers the world over is over 30-year-old Taffy, the only pregnant elephant ever to be shipped to the United States from the Orient.

Will she molest her offspring on delivery? Will there be twins? Will it be a normal birth considering the size of the expected baby?

The answers were given last evening by an expert who arrived here at the week-end from Thousand Oaks, California.

He is none other than "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Noel Rosefelt who played nursemaid to his "protégé" right from the time he "rescued" her from a lumber camp in the Siamese jungle to her safe arrival at San Francisco.

Taffy is at present undergoing meticulous observation under the supervision of expert veterinarians.

"No elephant either in captivity or wild will molest her offspring at birth unless it comes out deformed," Mr. Rosefelt declared. He added he had not heard of any unpleasant incident at birth.

"I don't think she will give birth to twins. The baby can see every morning doing his little dance. The outline is distinct and shows only one single unit."

HK Debut

"And whether it will be a normal birth is of course a foregone conclusion. Taffy is already a mother of four. This is the fifth occasion, and I don't see any reason why she should encounter any trouble," the well-known American hunter remarked.

It may be recalled that Taffy made her debut as a world celebrity in Hong Kong when

she got in the news in the local newspapers. Her trip from the Colony to San Francisco aboard the President Taft, after which she was named, was reported day by day by American newspapers and radio.

Special daily reports were made by the master of American President Lines ship, Mr. W. S. Tyrrell, and sent by cable to the Head Office.

On Television

On her arrival at San Francisco, several thousands waited at the wharf to welcome Taffy.

Her disembarkation was televised on the all-American network. Today, kept at Thousand Oaks and seen by her admirers through one-way glass walls, Taffy presents a popular quiz to animal lovers.

MALAYA ATTACK

Singapore, October 5. Rebels made a surprise attack on troops in Negri Sembilan State at noon today, causing casualties, an Army spokesman announced.

He said that the troops were travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Seremban in two lorries, but did not reveal the number of casualties or whether the troops were British, Malay or Gurkha. No further details were available, he added.—Reuter.



To a "popular democracy" Yugoslavia looks "fascist."

Storza urges immediate independence of Libya. Italy would certainly like to see her liberated.

A naval battle in the China Sea will mean Communist junk against Nationalist junk.

According to a contemporary yesterday, "An American military government" today acquitted 15 members of the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party, charged with joining in an unlicensed political demon.

That's the devil of it: getting a licence in the first place.

Mr. Davidson-Houston's book is the record of an Army intelligence officer, doing his duty in far-off and exotic places.

And, of course, full dress on Sundays.

"Storm stops fighting on Amoy front."

It probably got discouraged by the competition.

Mr. Bevin was reported yesterday as saying, "I do not think we are going to have slumps inevitably arising."

No indeed. So far I've never experienced one really booming or rising slump.

Yes, lady, certain fortune may penetrate his defence. But it takes some varied cooking to keep him in suspense.

When Indonesia becomes a "sovereign" nation she will ask for an American loan.

Thus becoming a "dollar" nation.

Discussing the London taxi-drivers' demand for more pay, a contemporary yesterday explained that "the present rates, unchanged since 1933, are ninepence for the first two-thirds of a mile; threepence for each of a mile thereafter."

That hasn't been my own experience in London, but I must say it does sound a bit un-economic.

"Anyone who believes in something writ in for your free button," (American magazine says) "We believe in Britain." Send button.

A man who hasn't made a woman angry is a failure in life.

"But I thought I wired you not to bring your mother home with you," said the husband.

"Yes," replied the wife. "That's what she's come to see you about."

SPC JUMBLE SALE

The Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children Women's Auxiliary yesterday appealed to the general public for articles for the Jumble Sale planned for November 6.

The Sale will be held at the Public Relations Office Lecture Room, Statue Square. Clothing of any size, colour, summer or winter, new or worn, will be appreciated. Articles such as shoes, stockings, underwear, handbags, toys, odds and ends, etc. are also solicited.

Any little gift that could be used on a "White Elephant Table" will also be appreciated.

Articles may be delivered to Room 601, Marina House, 30 Kai Yik Chai Road, after October 17, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If this address is not convenient for delivery donors may call any one of the following ladies who will gladly receive anything that you have to offer for the Jumble Sale.

KOWLOON: Mrs. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, 282, Prince Edward Road, Telephone No. 20833.

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Flood Toll In Italy
Benevento, October 4. Authorities today counted 23 persons dead and missing as victims of Sunday's flash floods which hit this mountain town and surrounding areas.

Tommaso Boccardo, Benevento's Town Secretary, said five bodies were recovered, seven persons are unaccounted for and 11 others are missing in nearby San Lorenzo.

Over 300 families in this town of 25,000 are homeless. Soldiers and civil workers began the huge task of clearing the streets of a three foot layer of mud deposited by the swirling waters. The mud was being shovelled into Army trucks. Other Army vehicles distributed drinking water as the town's aqueduct was broken by the flood. —Associated Press.

AMERICA TO IGNORE COMMUNIST REQUEST

Letter From Mao On Recognition Issue "AN IMPLIED INSULT"

Washington, October 4.

A request by China's new Communist regime for U.S. diplomatic recognition was shoved into an official American pigeonhole today.

The State Department said in announcing its receipt that there are no present plans for either answering or acknowledging it.

The request, submitted in a letter signed by Chou En-lai, Communist Foreign Minister, was in terse terms which a U.S. spokesman called "an implied insult."

EASTERN GERMANY CABINET FORECAST

Berlin, October 4.

Reports from usually reliable German sources indicated tonight that the East German State will be formally proclaimed on Friday in the former Nazi Propaganda Ministry on the Wilhelmplatz.

According to these reports, the People's Council, composed of representatives of all legal Soviet Zone parties and mass organizations, will declare itself to be the provisional Parliament of the "German Democratic Republic" and will then elect a Government.

Unconfirmed reports from various German sources state that Dr. Otto Grotewohl, 55-year-old former Social Democrat who is Joint Chairman of the Communist-Socialist Unity Party, will be the first Minister-President.

Seven of the 14 Cabinet posts have been allotted to members of the Socialist Unity Party and the other seven distributed between the Christian Democrats, Liberal Democrats and National Democrats, these reports said.

The leaders of the Soviet Zone parties were in almost continual conference today on the distribution of Ministerial posts.

German sources said that the proclamation of a new Government would be preceded by a Soviet statement defining its responsibilities.

This Soviet proclamation would also guarantee the conclusion of a peace treaty within a certain period and a definite settlement of German reparations payments to Russia, they added.—Reuter.

SENATOR WANTS US ACTION

Washington, October 4.

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican, told the U.S. Senate today that that Russian recognition of the new Chinese government should be the signal for the U. S. to revoke the agreements made at Yalta.

"This unilateral violation of the Yalta agreements should prompt us to revise the Yalta Pact," Mr. Knowland said.—Associated Press.

Recognition By Britain Forecast

Moscow, October 4. Moscow morning papers today quoted diplomatic circles in London as forecasting British recognition of the Chinese Communist Government. These circles were quoted as saying that Britain is "realistically" approaching the question.—Associated Press.

Premier Attacks Russia

Canton, October 4.

"Nationalist China today loosed a new blast at Russia, which was first to recognise the Chinese Communist regime."

The Premier, Yen Hsi-shan, declared that the creation of the Red government is part of the Soviet plans for world aggression.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, was the first to speak out. On Monday, he told the Russian Charge d'Affaires that the Soviet recognition of the "bogus regime" was "an act of aggression against China."

Premier Yen coupled his denunciation of Russia with an appeal to the armed forces and the people behind the Red lines to fight to the end.

He compared the Communist regime in Peking with the Chinese puppet government set up by the Japanese during the war.

(The Communist news agency in Shanghai reported that Premier Chou En-lai of the Peking regime had replied to the Russian note of recognition.)

(The agency said Premier Chou's reply emphasized that the People's Republic was "convinced of the Soviet's deep friendship.")

The departure of Russian diplomats from Canton awaits approval of their transit visas by the British authorities at Hong Kong, and assurances of safe conduct for Chinese representatives in Russia.

The Russians will go to Hong Kong and board a Soviet steamer for the Siberian port of Vladivostok.

Chinese diplomatic representatives will be withdrawn by way of Europe as there is no question of having them return, even with safe conduct, through Siberia and Chinese Communist territory.

The present intention is to have them travel by way of Stockholm.—Associated Press.

NOT TOO LATE TO HELP CHINA

San Francisco, October 4.

Retired Major-General Claire Chennault said today that it is not too late for the U.S. to help Nationalist China.

He said Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek's Government still has plenty of territory "easy to defend and hard to invade."

The wartime leader of the Flying Tigers said Generalissimo Chiang holds more territory than he did during the Japanese invasion of world war two.

General Chennault asserted the Nationalists can still win with American aid.—Associated Press.

UN APPOINTMENT

Geneva, October 4.

Hal Lary, 39-year-old Texan, has been appointed Director of the important research and planning division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

He succeeds Hungarian-born Nicholas Kaldor, who made the division's economic surveys of Europe world-famous.—Reuter.

BRITISH OPEN DOOR POLICY IN CHINA

Ottawa, October 4.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, declared at a press conference here today that Britain kept an "open door" in China.

She was not interfering with the formation of Chinese governments but there were treaties and obligations to be considered, he added.

Britain's stance would depend a lot on the treatment of her nationals and on the Chinese Communist's behaviour.

Speaking on plans for a Pacific Pact, Mr. Bevin said that Asian nations were just emerging. It was too early to talk about commitments for them equal to those under the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Bevin declared that Russia's assumption that the economy of the West must inevitably collapse would eventually "be her own undoing."

He said: "This assumption argues that the West never learns anything.... I do not think we are going to have slumps inevitably occurring."

Work The Answer

The Western powers were determined that they would not be ruined by an economic collapse.

There had been "a little currency disturbance recently" but it might have been averted "if we had realized earlier what it was."

"We are not going to rely on the creation of unemployment and misery in order to adjust our economic system in the crisis," Mr. Bevin said. "Our basis shall be to work, not to starve, our way out of the crisis."

Mr. Bevin said that Britain had a heavy sterling debt in India because of the war, but against the "totality of world trade" and against the opportunities for Western investment in India it was relatively small.

General Election

Mr. Bevin refused to throw any light on the likely date of the general election in Britain.

"I do not know a word about it. I have never asked Mr. Clement Attlee and he has never told me. So far as I can see its only members of the Cabinet who are not worried about it."

Whenever it is, Mr. Bevin said, he looks forward "with moderate optimism" to a "good majority" for the Labour Government.

Mr. Bevin today told a Canadian Club luncheon gathering that the Western world must not allow itself to be permanently divided into dollar and sterling areas. He said such a division might set the Western world in conflict again.

No Final Answer

"We must co-operate together at once to show Russia that there is going to be no terrible slump in the West," he said.

"Such co-operation will have tremendous effect in influencing policy on this planet."

Mr. Bevin added that he "did not pretend that the five-day Washington conference produced the final answer to the dollar-pound crisis."

"There is no final answer. We must take one step at a time to meet each separate problem, always working towards the objective of full British recovery."

Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

INDIAN ENVOY'S PLANS

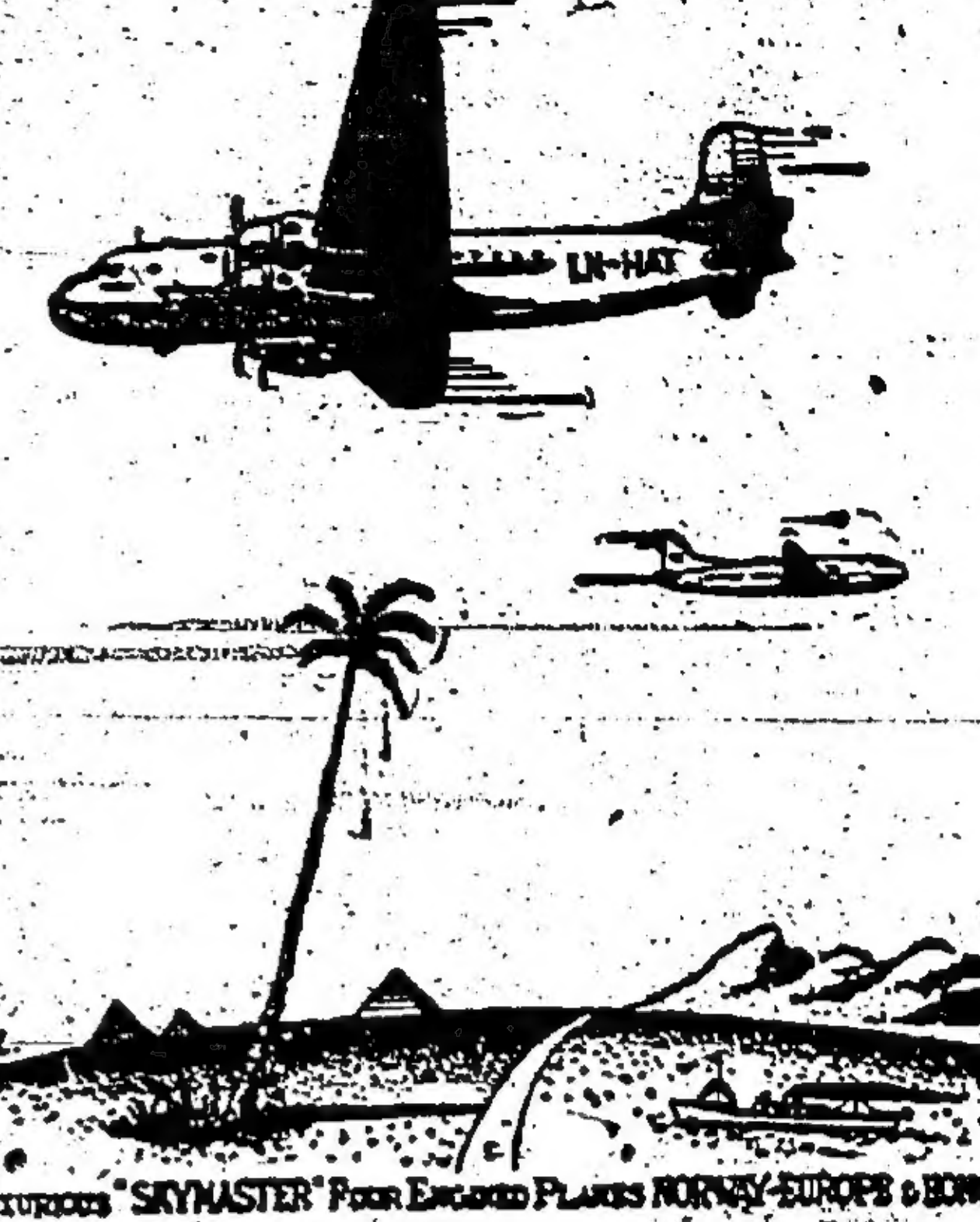
Shanghai, October 4.

The Indian Ambassador to Nanking, K.M. Panikkar, who is due to return to New Delhi for consultations, is expected to come to Shanghai in a week's time and go on to India in the first available ship.

So far he has no definite plans because of the uncertain shipping situation.

Informed Indian observers here consider that the Indian Government will probably act in conjunction with Britain and other Commonwealth nations on the question of recognition of China's Communist Government.—Reuter.

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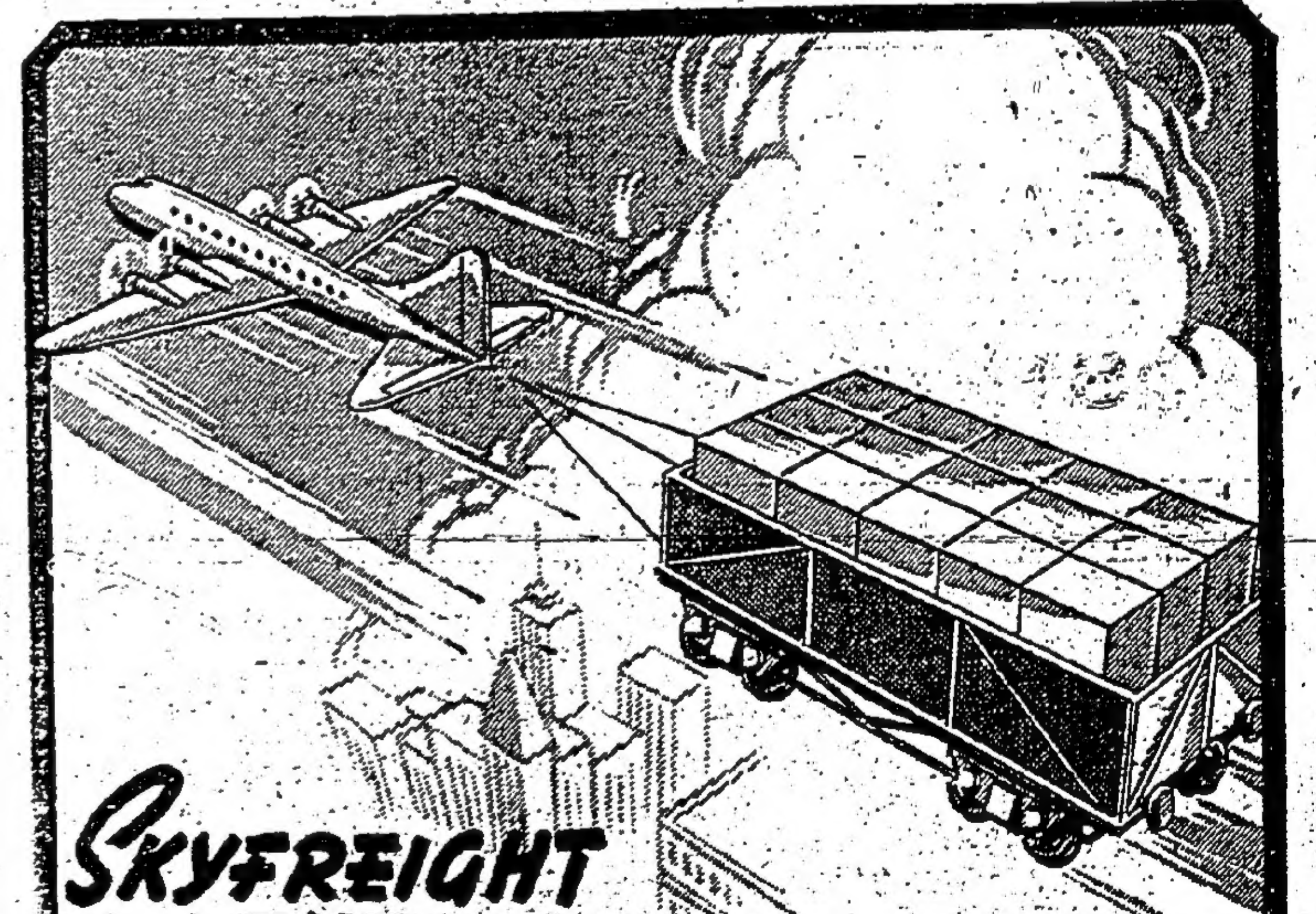
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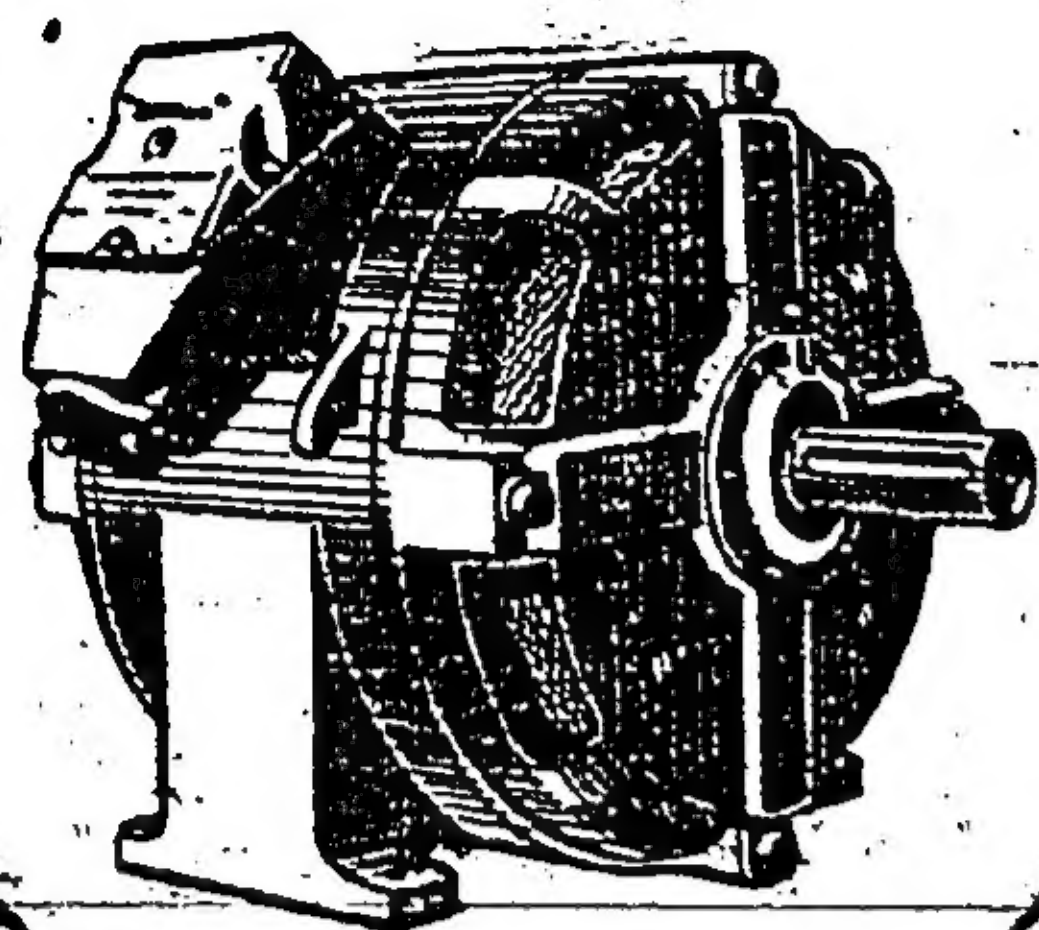
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ENGINEERING PAGE

GEC Of England Provides Lighting For New Vessel

Familiar Sign To Painters

Hall's Distemper, is perhaps one of the most well known distempers in the world, and also one of the most advertised in the United Kingdom.

The familiar sign of the two men with a board, each carrying Hall's Distemper and brushes, must be known to everyone who knows the UK.

In view of the British Government's avowed policy concerning dollars, and in view also of British firms' sincere endeavours to increase their exports, that Sissons Brushes, have just received permission to proceed with £100,000 worth of war damage reinstatement.

Sissons are endeavouring to arrange for a total development scheme which will involve the expenditure of £250,000 and the permission to proceed with £100,000 worth of reinstatement is the first leg of this plan.

Due to obvious war effort, Sissons were attacked heavily in six separate air attacks, of which one of the worst was on March 13, 1941, when the varnish factory, together with its storage tanks, was completely destroyed. A building adjoining these works, equipped with the latest machinery for manufacturing paints and enamels, was severely damaged and the export packing department burnt out.

Further Damage

A few days later a bomb fell on the engineers' shop, and on July 18, 1941 another raid destroyed the enamel house, the laboratory and part of the offices.

Despite the above however, Sissons maintained their war effort and improvised to such an extent that they were able to produce a very great output, all of which was utilised by the various services in the war effort.

Due to the war damage sustained, it has not been possible for Sissons to export a full range of their products, but it is felt that now that the British Government has authorised the commencement of reinstatement work, this firm's export effort will meet with its due reward.

It is very fitting that authority has now been received, as very shortly Sissons will celebrate their 150th anniversary. It is hoped that at the time of that celebration a new factory will be in operation, equipped with the finest paint grinding plant and machinery in the United Kingdom.

Lighting equipment throughout the mv Rangitoto now nearing completion for the New Zealand Shipping Co. Ltd., at Vickers Armstrongs Walker-on-Tyne, yard has been supplied by The General Electric Co. Ltd. of England.

The Rangitoto is a twin-screw passenger and refrigeration cargo liner of 19,000 tons gross for service between Tilbury and New Zealand, and is the largest merchant ship built on the Tyne for ten years.

In many of the public rooms indirect lighting by cold cathode tubing in the cornices is used in conjunction with general illumination from specially designed fittings with tungsten lamps to provide pleasing and novel lighting effects.

The colours of the cold cathode tubes are ivory, warm white and gold; ivory and gold being used together in the "A" Deck cocktail bar, dining saloon and children's dining room, verandah cafe and the "A" and "B" deck forward stair halls; while gold alone blends with the tungsten lighting in the "A" deck dining space, and warm white alone in the "A" deck cinema and lounge.

An exception to the use of cold cathode tubes for indirect cornice lighting is seen in the verandah cafe, where they are contained in a special fitting, 17 ft. long, with obscured glass sides.

Lighting Fittings

Twenty-seven designs for tungsten lighting fittings for public rooms in the ship were prepared in the GEC of England Fittings Design Office; and the total number of fittings supplied was 216. All are in silver bronze finish and achieve their effect by simplicity and elegance of line rather than by decoration. Some noteworthy examples are 12 circular ceiling fittings, 4 ft. 9 in. in diameter, in the dining saloon and children's dining room, each taking 12 lamps.

The ceiling sections of these fittings contain a circular silvered glass reflector. Eight 3 ft. 6 in. circular ceiling fittings with 6 lamps each, and an obscured peach-tinted glass dish, are used in the lighting of the bar and lounge. Where tinted glass is used in fittings it is peach colour throughout. The designs were prepared in conjunction with the architects, Easton, Robertson & Partners.

Pilot Lights

Pilot lights are provided at the ends of corridors to assist in rapid location of the call. There are nine sectional call boards in various parts of the ship and one master board on which all calls are indicated so that attention is assured at times when some of the stewards are off duty.

A GEC fire alarm system is installed throughout the ship. Manual operation is placed in selected positions, and a 15-way luminous indicator in the wheel-house shows the origin of the alarm, a bell being provided to draw attention to the call.

Other alarm bells, under the control of the officer of the watch, are used for warning the crew, while a luminous indicator reading "Fire, Stand-by-Pumps" operates in the Engine Room, where also a bell is fitted. A telephone socket is incorporated in each manual alarm push and one is also associated with each of the wheel-house indicators. Portable hand combination telephones are supplied, so that members of the crew, answering the alarm, can plug in and report the extent of the outbreak at once.

Electronic Flash Tube In Pictures

An electronic flash tube was used when the refuelling of a British Liberator aircraft 9,000 feet over the Atlantic was photographed for the first time.

The Liberator was flying non-stop from Montreal to Heath Row (London Airport). It was located at 2 a.m. 300 miles from Shannon Airport in the West of Ireland by a Lancaster tanker aircraft equipped with radar.

A photographer in the Lancaster's cabin, using an electronic flash tube, took a photograph of the Liberator while the two aircraft, flying at 200 miles an hour, were about 100 feet apart. Allowing for the additional wing span of the two aircraft, the distance that the flash had to carry in darkness was considerable, for photographic purposes.

This picture could not have been secured except by using an electronic flash tube. In the Mulard LSD3A tube which was used the average flash duration is over half a million watts, and the peak is about one and a half million watts. A remarkable feature of the photograph is that the aircraft, whose speed is 750 miles an hour, appear to be stationary in the photograph. This is due to the rapidity of the exposure which took place in a fraction of a second, while the electronic flash illuminated the aircraft.

Both in science and industry increasing interest is being taken in the flash-discharge tube, particularly as a means of visual and photographic examination of transient phenomena: unsuitable for study any other way. An immense field of application was opened by the recent discovery that by using mixtures of gases such as neon and krypton, two of the rare inert gases of the atmosphere, illumination that is practically white can be obtained. In principle, the electronic

flash tube consists essentially of a glass or quartz tube, filled with a suitable gas at a pressure which may lie between that of a few millimetres of mercury and one or more atmospheres. With electrodes sealed into the ends of

the tube, lamps are being manufactured in Britain by Mullard Electronic Products, Limited, Century House, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2.

Australia Designs A New Drill

The diversity in drilling operations, necessary in the tool room and production workshop is catered for by a manufacturer in Melbourne, Australia, who has recently produced a radial type of bench drill.

An important advance in engineering equipment, it is known as the Walcoun Radial Bench Drill. The unit is essentially a flexible one with a wide range of uses. For example, angle drilling to right or left is quickly and simply performed by tilting the head to the desired angle. Again, with drill head swung in a horizontal position, and with a small grinding wheel mounted on the member, grinding jobs, such as drill sharpening are easily performed. Polishing operations with the drill head in a horizontal position are also possible. For light surface grinding a cap grinding wheel is used, and the head rotates at the desired angle.

Fuseboard drill is also accomplished by working the drill with its radial arm fully extended. At half inch capacity, the interesting "unit" is powered by a ball bearing type of motor, which can

Usefulness Range Of Polythene

The range of usefulness of polythene is further extended by the recent advent in Britain of film in "lay-flat" tube and sheet form, particularly for packaging applications.

Lay flat tube possessing all the chief properties of polythene film, is a continuous, thin, wall, seamless tube, available to flat widths of 3-5 in. and 2 1/2 times thickness.

This range is being increased to include widths from 2-24 in. (i.e. 1-27-15-7 in tube diameters) and thicknesses from 1/16 to 5/16 in. Large-scale productive capacity will be ready by the beginning of 1950, but enough tubing is now available for extensive trials and market evaluation. At the same time, large-scale plant production of film is also announced. This film can now be supplied in regular shipments in continuous rolls up to 46 inches wide.

Both lay-flat tube and film are distinguished by good transparency and high resistance to water, water vapour and chemical action. They remain flexible down to temperatures as low as -60°C, and under ordinary service conditions, appearance, handle and physical properties are unaffected.

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Although the cost per lb. of polythene film is high, compared with other packaging materials, on an area basis the cost is more favourable, as the following figures show—

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Cellulose acetate	21,700
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With the advent of lay-flat tube, conversion of the film into packages is greatly simplified, using a heat-sealing technique, and techniques for this process are now well known and several types of machines are available.

Ordinary high-frequency sealing cannot be used with polythene film because of its low power factor. Seals can be made, however, if a strip of another material, which can be heated by high-frequency current, is used as a buffer between the film and the electrodes of the machine.

Wide Range

The range of possible applications for polythene film in both sheet and lay-flat form is very wide.

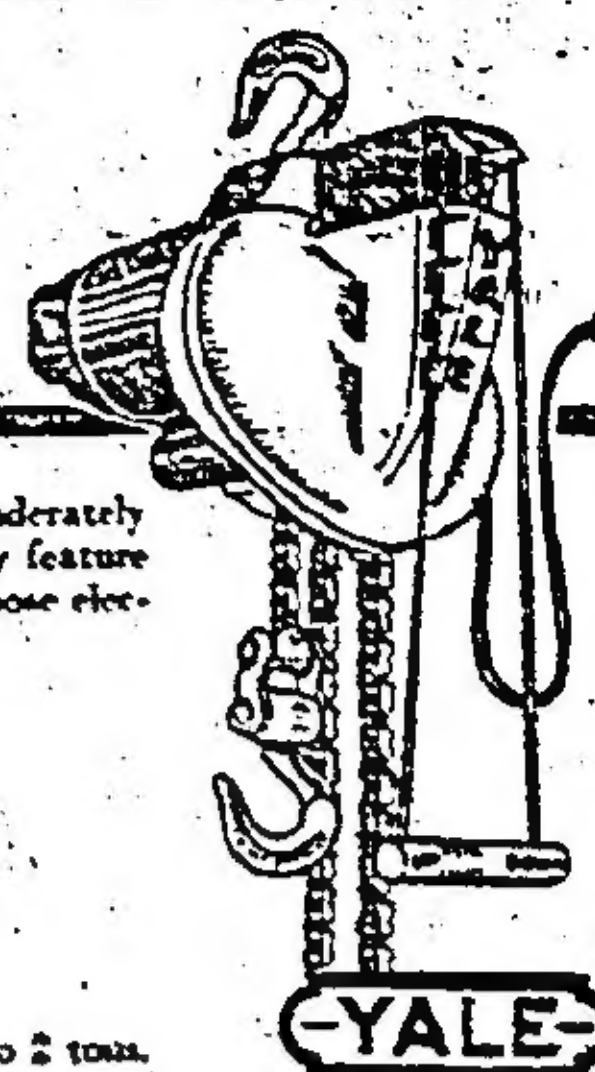
In the past, polythene, packs have proved their worth in packaging chemicals and pharmaceuticals, including corrosive, hygroscopic and dermatitic materials and temperatures below freezing point. This is important in preventing dehydration of the food or "freeze burn."

As polythene film withstands a wide range of climatic conditions, it is valuable for the storage of machinery, metal components, instruments and electrical equipment of all kinds.

Both the continuous sheet film and the lay-flat tubes are marketed under the name Alkathene, the trade mark covering the polythene materials produced by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Plastics Division) Welwyn Garden City.

The production factory is located at Abbotsford, a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, and the company has received large orders from New Zealand. Made of Australian materials, it is attractively finished in blue, as is the rest of the company's extensive range of tools which includes electric tool-post grinders and automatic coil winders.

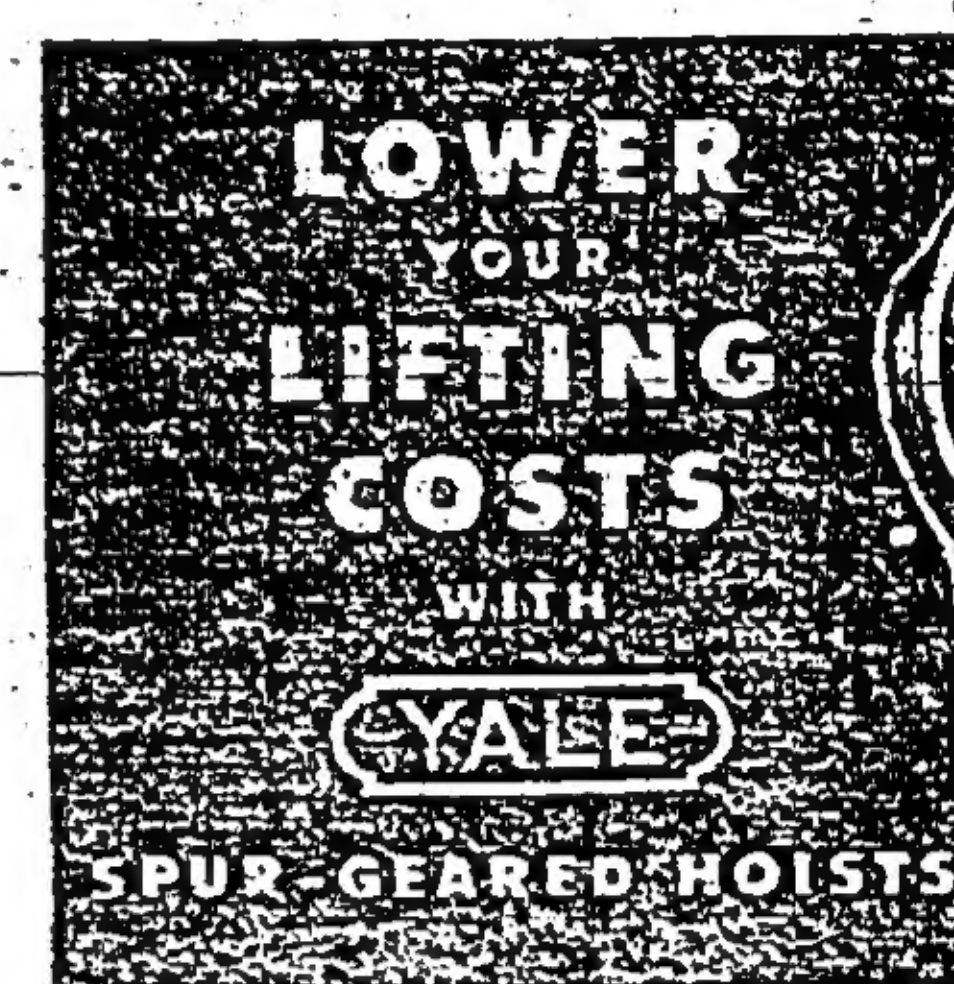
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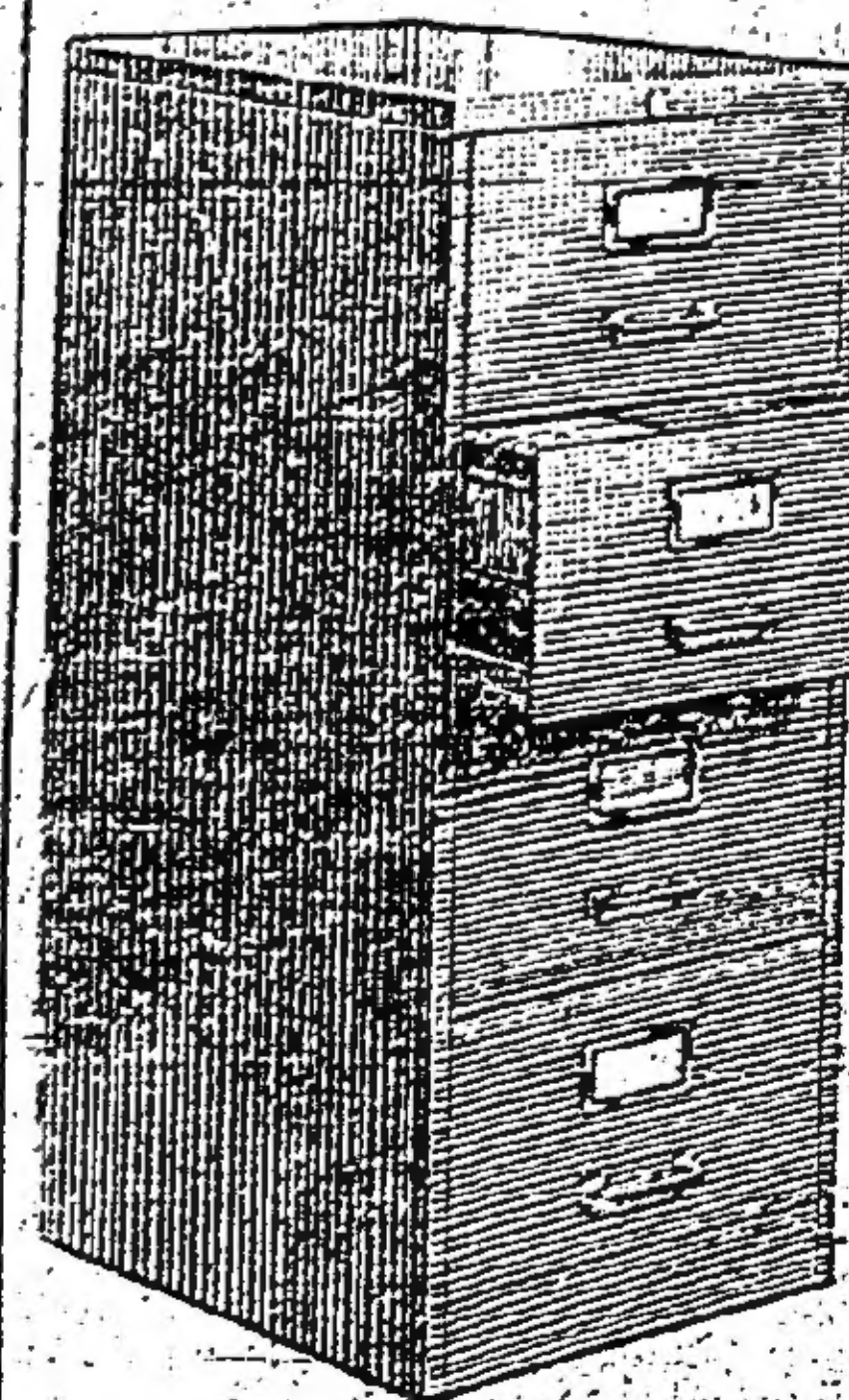
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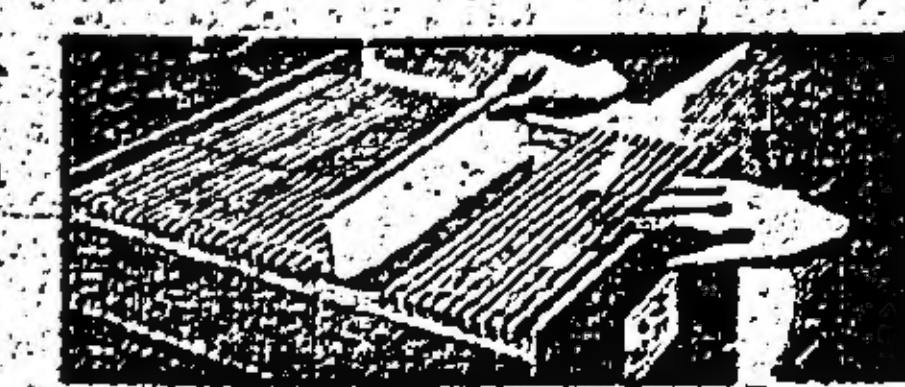
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Muslim Reply On Kashmir

London, October 4. Mr. S. D. Khan, President of the London Muslim League, in a letter to the Editor of the Liberal newspaper "Manchester Guardian," today said that the Azad Kashmir Army "is nothing but the popular army of the Kashmiris."

His comment was a rejoinder to a letter on the Kashmir dispute by Mr. Khushwant Singh, Press Attache to the Indian High Commissioner in London, published in the newspaper on September 2.

Mr. Khan said: "In insisting upon the disarming of the popular army prematurely so that her own forces can occupy the whole of Kashmir, India is following her by now familiar technique, which is to permit a plebiscite only after the result has been assured in her own favour—by the presence of her armed troops."

Of the presence of Pakistan's armed forces in Kashmir, Mr. Khan said:

"To stop the forces of the Government of India from coming into direct contact with the frontiers of its country, the Government of Pakistan was forced to move a certain number of its troops into some definite defensive positions."

There was no question, he added, of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan discovering that there were Pakistani nationals and Pakistani armed forces in Kashmir.

The Commission were voluntarily supplied with the necessary information by Pakistan.

Mr. Khan described the Maharaja of Kashmir's offer of accession to India behind Pakistan's back as "fraudulent and invalid" because the State "on its own application" had concluded a standstill agreement with Pakistan on the transfer of British power in the sub-continent in August, 1947.—Reuter.

Executed Before The Amnesty

Lake Success, October 4. The Greek delegate, P. Pipinelis, today confirmed in the General Assembly's first commission that the guerrilla, Demosthenes Georgiu, has been executed.

The announcement was in reply to renewed demands by the Soviet bloc that the Assembly should tell why Greece "deceived" the delegates by announcing plans for an amnesty while going ahead with the execution.

Pipinelis said the exemption took place prior to the Government announcement on amnesty plans and the project to revise appeals procedure.

The Greek delegate also protested against the Soviet bloc's violation of the rules procedure in their zeal to defend ruthless criminals. The question was raised as the Political Commission prepared to continue the debate on former Italian colonies.

The Byelo-Russian delegate, Kuzma Kisselov, had asked the Assembly President to expedite the report on "why the Greek delegation's announcement (on the amnesty) has not been implemented."—United Press.

Philippines To Press For An Early Jap Treaty

Manila, October 4. The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felino Neri, indicated today that the Philippines will press for an early Japanese peace conference.

Mr. Neri said the Philippines Government feels the need is urgent for breaking the year-old deadlock on Japan.

He added that the stalemate and uncertainties involved are adversely affecting not only the interests of Japan but of other nations as well.

Foreign affairs sources said that except for Russia there is unanimity among Far Eastern Commission powers in favour of a Japanese peace conference in which decisions would be taken by two-thirds majority vote.

An informed diplomatic source said the United States is believed to be ready to send notes to 10 other members of the 12-nation FEC regarding the possibility of a Japanese peace conference at an early date.

Escaped From Reds



Three British soldiers and an American soldier broke away from a Russian army prison at Pankow, East Berlin. The Britons had been held by the Russians for more than 18 months and the American for 11 months. The prisoners claimed they had been subjected to brutal treatment throughout their imprisonment and their ration was of the scantiest. Photo shows Recruit John J. Sinkiewicz (Baltimore, Maryland, USA) photographed at American Military Headquarters, Berlin after his escape. Sinkiewicz said he had been struck and given cold water treatment for refusing to answer questions about American armed strength.—(AP Photo).

GUARANTEE FOR U.S. INVESTORS

Washington, October 4.

The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, said today that the Government will probably give some sort of a guarantee against risk to businessmen who invest abroad in President Truman's Point Four programme to aid underdeveloped countries.

Mr. Sawyer told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that while such a guarantee is highly likely, the precise form it will take is not easy to predict.

The Committee is studying the so-called Point Four programme proposed as a means of building up the economies of backward nations.

Mr. Sawyer said: "The guarantee obviously should cover more than the dollar convertibility of the original capital investment. Also, experience has indicated that some guarantee against the risks of war damage is desirable."

Mr. Sawyer endorsed legislation to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000,000 to get the technical MR. SAWYER aid programme started.

He said that about \$17,000,000 in long term private American capital is at present invested abroad.

Converting of Earnings. Mr. Sawyer said the "United States Government can try through diplomatic channels to negotiate formal agreements with other nations covering the right of American investors to convert their foreign earnings into dollars and their right to receive prompt and adequate compensation if their property is expropriated."

"The American businessman is more likely to want to go into these other countries and risk his capital if he feels that his Government is standing at the back of him."

Mr. Sawyer said the Point Four programme may furnish a partial answer to the problem posed by the fact that the United States sells abroad much more than she buys.

This had forced the United States to make up the difference with foreign grants and loans.

Severe Drain. He pointed out that last year the U.S. exported some \$12,500,000,000 worth of goods and imported only about \$7,000,000,000.

The grand total of the aid given by the United States to other countries since July 1, 1945 reached \$26,700,000,000, he said.

He said: "Obviously this drain upon our resources cannot continue indefinitely."

"There is, however, a way by which the Point Four programme can be implemented and the development of other countries accelerated without continual drain upon the American taxpayer. I refer to the American private capital."—United Press.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS ECHO THE RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON WEST

San Francisco, October 4.

The Chinese Communist radio broadcast today was devoted to "furthering world peace". It boasted that the Soviet bloc would soon be able to "pulverise" non-Communist countries headed by Britain and the United States.

Peeress Denies She Is Sponging

New York, October 4. Lady Iris Mountbatten, daughter of the Marquess of Carisbrooke and a cousin of King George VI, today denied a London "Daily Express" report which said she is in the United States without money and is living on the generosity of friends.

"I am not sponging on my American friends," she said. "My family is well off and so am I. It is just difficult in these trying times to get money out of the country."—United Press.

Jeweller On Charge Of Murder

Quebec, October 4. A French-Canadian jeweller named Albert Guay appeared in the Magistrate's Court in Quebec today on a charge of murdering his wife by dynamiting an airliner in which she was travelling.

Madame Guay and 22 others died on September 9 when a Canadian Pacific Airlines Dakota exploded and crashed 60 kilometres from Quebec.

The case is being described as the "Love Bomb Case." The police are intending to present 33 witnesses, many of them technicians, to attempt to substantiate the contention that a home-made dynamite bomb was placed on board the Dakota.

There has been no indication so far that any recognisable bits of the alleged bomb have been recovered. The wreckage of the plane was strewn over a wide area.

Guay, after the plane crash, stayed besides his wife's body until the funeral, weeping almost constantly. He denies any connection with any bomb plot and has accused the police of "persecuting" him.—Reuter.

LONDONERS MISS OUT

London, October 4. For the third successive week Londoners are not likely to get a six-penny meat bonus promised by the Government because of a "go slow" by porters who are demanding more pay for the handling of the extra meat.

Now, the Food Ministry fears that there is a risk of fresh meat going bad while the go-slow continues and it is being diverted from the London market to the provinces.

Only frozen meat from the Argentine and New Zealand is reaching London and many families may not even get their normal ration.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, granted a meat bonus because of the abundance of home supplies. The dry weather caused many farmers to kill their stock early.—Reuter.

The "China Conference for Defending World Peace" issued a resolution rebuking the Soviet charges which blamed the "American and British imperialist bloc" for preparing an "aggressive war" by expanding the network of military bases, purloining in the Atlantic Ocean and planning to establish the so-called Pacific Union "all of which would be used for a 'renewed' attack upon the Soviet Union, China and other countries."

However, the Soviet bloc's might "long ago surpassed that of the imperialist bloc," the radio said. The broadcast said that following the disclosure of the Russian possession of the atom bomb "it is clear that we will certainly have sufficient strength to pulverise all criminal plots of the warmongers" provided that the people of the world would continue to "strengthen their unity."

"Mighty March"

The conference pledged that the new "People's Republic of China" is willing to "unite with our great ally, the Soviet Union" together with her satellites in supporting world peace.

"Let our enemy tremble before our mighty march for peace," it said.

The resolution also demanded an immediate start of Japanese peace treaty negotiations in which, it said, the new Chinese Red regime would partake as the "mighty fortress of Far Eastern peace."

"United With Russia"

The conference speakers included Russian, Italian and Korean delegates in addition to Chinese Communists.

Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Red Army, said that after the last war the United States has "taken the place of Fascist Germany, Italy and Japan and it is frankly preparing for a new war threatening world peace."

He said the Chinese Reds have united with all peace and freedom loving countries and peoples, "first of all the Soviet Union."—United Press.

DANISH ROYALTY MAY VISIT UK

London, October 4. The Buckingham Palace Press Office was unable today to confirm a published report that King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark are to make a private visit to the Palace, starting on October 15.

"We have no information and no confirmation of the report," a spokesman said.

The report of the impending visit was published in the Copenhagen newspaper, "Berlingske Tidende."—United Press.

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Mystery Find In Temple

Nara, October 4. Priests and workers dug beyond the floor of a hidden pit nine feet below the five-story pagoda at the world's oldest wooden temple here today and brought out a jewelled relic bowl which, according to tradition, contains the sacred remains of Buddha.

These contents are merely one of the version which clings to the 13 century old tradition of Horyu Temple near here and the Government has appointed a board of seven leading archaeologists to examine the relic.

Priests officiating at the excavation immediately encased the bowl in a lacquer container and, amid chanting of the sutra, moved it to the temple's main altar.

Digging through the stone and clay floor began at midnight on Monday deep in the interior of the closely guarded temple compound. Lantern-swinging Japanese policemen surrounded the pagoda from a respectable distance and warned that when the pit was opened not even an ant would be allowed to enter the hallowed precincts.

Digging continued three hours. One of the excavators told the press later that the bowl was found in an inner pit which was filled with water.

According to another version, the vase contains the remains of Prince Shotoku, one of Japan's greatest social reformers who lived 20 centuries ago. Tradition also has it that it contains the remains of another person whom Shotoku greatly respected and loved.

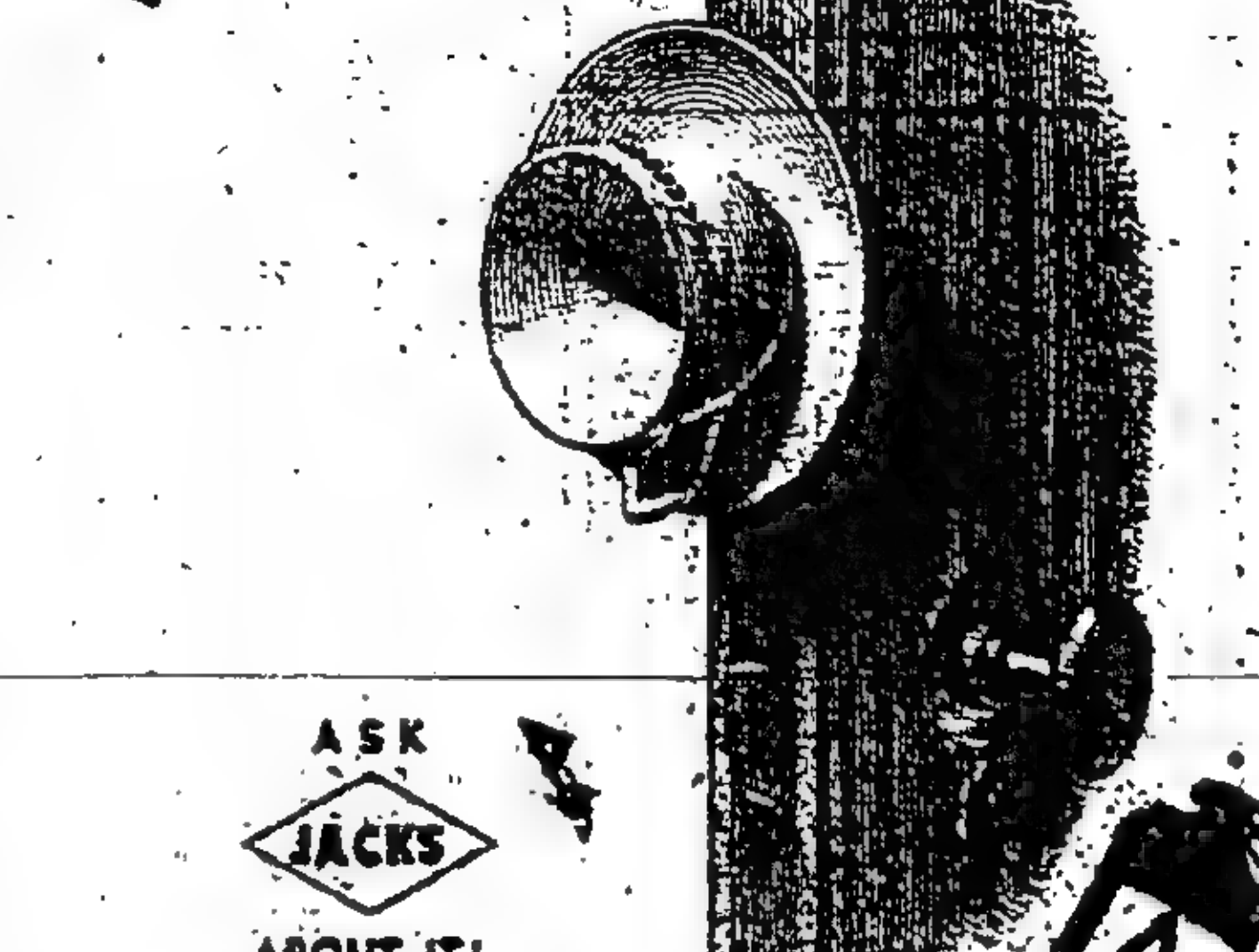
Scientists are interested most in trying to establish the age of the relic, which, they believe, in turn will corroborate a theory that the Horyu Temple is over 1,300 years old and is the oldest wooden structure in the world.

The seven-man board, whose members will be officially announced within a week, is hoping for the temple priests' permission to make public the result of their findings. Unless this permission is given, the age and contents of the bowl and that of the temple may continue to be shrouded in mystery.—United Press.

PHILIPS

Archaeologists have found the remains of a Stone Age fishing village with parts of 48 fish intact in the Vinkpijl region of Latvia. Moscow papers reported today.—Reuter.

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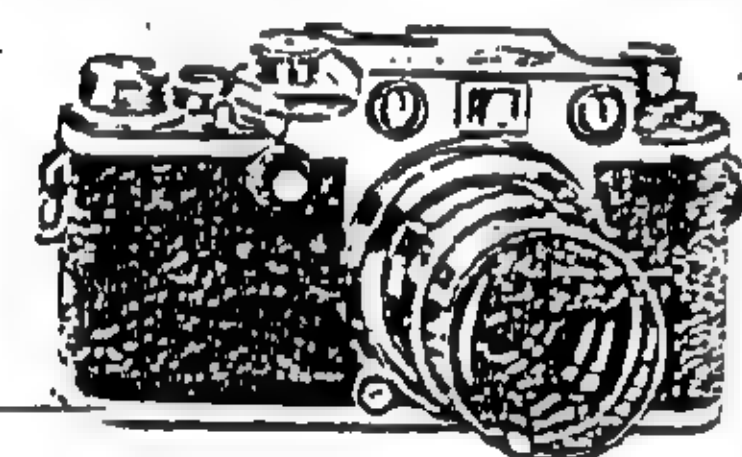
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LABOUR PARTY DISCUSSIONS ON ELECTION

London, October 4.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, may give his advisers their last chance next week to sell him the idea of a quick general election. The occasion will be a meeting of his full Cabinet.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, delegate to the United Nations session at Lake Success is expected to hurry home to lend his counsel.

—Opinion in the Cabinet is reported to be divided on whether it would be wise to "go to the people" now.

Mr. Bevin's position is not publicly known but there is a chance that it might tip the scales one way or the other.

Most British political observers believe Mr. Attlee himself would prefer to carry on for his Government's full term, whatever this might cost in political advantage. The term ends next July.

If he dissolves Parliament now the bill to nationalise the iron and steel industry will have to start through the House of Commons and the House of Lords all over again.

Workers' Vote

If he remains in office, it will become law before the Labour Government's term ends.

He could then tell the voters of Britain that his party had carried out the promises it made in the election campaign of 1945.

Other highly placed members of the Attlee Government are more inclined to think in political terms.

They fear that the rise in the cost of living, which is certain to result from devaluing the Pound, will alienate much of the working class vote within the next few months.

They would prefer to take on Mr. Winston Churchill's Conservatives before things get any worse.—Associated Press.

Wanted To See What It Was Like

Chicago, October 4.
A well-to-do engineer, Ernest Knight, 44, known as a "first class citizen" of suburban Naperville, told the police today, when charged with armed robbery, and held on a \$5,000 bond, "I wanted to see what it was like to hold a gun on someone and make him give up his valuables. I did it strictly for the thrill."

Knight, General Motors Corporation employee, who was masked and carrying a four-foot length of rope and armed with a revolver, yanked open the door of the car of a college couple parked in a forest preserve on Saturday night.

The college youth disarmed Knight and told his girl friend "Hit him with something."

She shattered a bottle of cleaning fluid over Knight's head. He fled.

Identified through his car licence plate, Knight was found by the police, still smelling of the cleaning fluid in his \$10,000 home.—United Press.



MR. ATTLEE

CZECHS HIT AT CHURCH

Prague, October 4.
The Czechoslovak Government announced today that it is establishing a new Government Ministry of Churches with the job of bringing all churches into line under the "People's Democratic order."

This office will be headed by a Cabinet Minister to be appointed by the Communist President, Klement Gottwald, the official Czech News Agency announced.

At the same time the Cabinet, in its regular weekly meeting, gave its approval to the proposed new church control law under which the State would pay the salaries of all churchmen but in return gain control over all appointments, finance and administrative affairs.

Both measures are to come before Parliament for final ratification when it reconvenes after its summer adjournment.

The reconvening of Parliament has already been delayed more than a week without explanation.

Catholic authorities and Western diplomatic observers interpret the announcement of a new Ministry of Churches to mean in effect a Government dictatorship over the church, especially the Catholic church, which has been the outspoken opponent of Governmental controls.—Associated Press.

PI CHROME REQUEST

Manila, October 5.
Philippine chrome producers today pressed the Government to press for United States stockpiling to soften effects of the American steel strike.
It is anticipated here that the strikes will further reduce American demand for Philippine chrome. Last year the Islands marketed 360,000 tons of refractory ore and 165,000 tons of metallurgical chrome worth a total of US\$5,000,000.—Associated Press.

Cominform Members Set Free By Tito

Belgrade, October 4.
It was officially disclosed tonight that Marshal Tito has freed half of the Yugoslav Cominformists in his jails.

An amnesty for 713 persons was signed on October 1 by Colonel General Alexander Rankovic, Minister of the Interior and No. 2 Yugoslav Communist. It said the pardons had been granted because "socially useful work in prison" had produced "favorable results."

A spokesman at the Ministry of Information said all the 713 had been arrested for activity supporting the Cominform.—United Press.

SPELLMAN AT ST. PETER'S

Vatican City, October 4.
Francis Cardinal Spellman, Catholic Archbishop of New York, today visited the Crypt of St. Peter's Basilica, where archaeologists are reported to have found the bones of St. Peter.

Like those working on the excavations, Cardinal Spellman will be bound to secrecy about the reported discoveries until he is authorized to speak.

Earlier today the Cardinal said Mass in one of St. Peter's Chapels.—Reuter.

CZECHOSLOVAK BREAK WITH MARSHAL TITO

Prague, October 4.

Czechoslovakia today repudiated her friendship, mutual aid and cultural treaties with Yugoslavia and ordered the expulsion of the Yugoslav Ambassador, Marijan Stilianowitch. The official note delivered to the Yugoslav Government accused it of hostility and of misusing diplomatic privileges to cover up espionage activities on behalf of "imperialist states."

Thus Czechoslovakia fell in line with Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland and Rumania, which in turn had followed Russia in breaking off their friendship pacts with Yugoslavia.

In Sofia, the Bulgarian Government announced that it had repudiated its 1947 border agreement with Yugoslavia on the grounds that Marshal Tito had taken advantage of it to send spies into Bulgaria.

The agreement permitted free passage of nationals of both countries for about 12.5 miles on either side of the frontier.

Bulgaria charged that Yugoslavia had refused to recognise "documents and passports issued by competent Bulgarian authorities and had sent their owners to prisons and concentration camps."

The rupture of the Czechoslovak-Yugoslav friendship treaty came six days after Russia broke a similar pact with Marshal Tito in the latest offensive in the cold war between Yugoslavia and the Cominform.

"Criminal Plots"

A formal note delivered by the Foreign Office said the recent trial of Laszlo Rajk, former Hungarian Foreign Minister, proved that Yugoslavia was hostile to Czechoslovakia.

Yugoslav diplomats were accused of organising an "espionage plot with reactionary elements" in Czechoslovakia.

The note said numerous officials of the Yugoslav Embassy were engaged in systematic activity designed to undermine Czech authority and which in fact could be classified as "criminal plots against Czechoslovakia."

The note named six Yugoslav diplomats who excelled in spying and said: "Czech security organs obtained proof that the Yugoslav authorities entrust agents of the espionage service with diplomatic functions and these spies are collaborating closely with the espionage services of certain imperialist states."

Poland's Stand

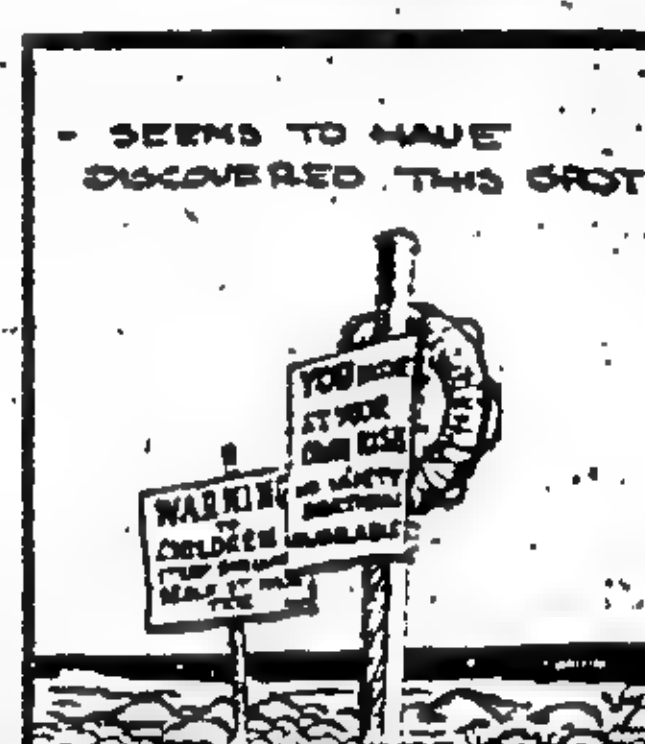
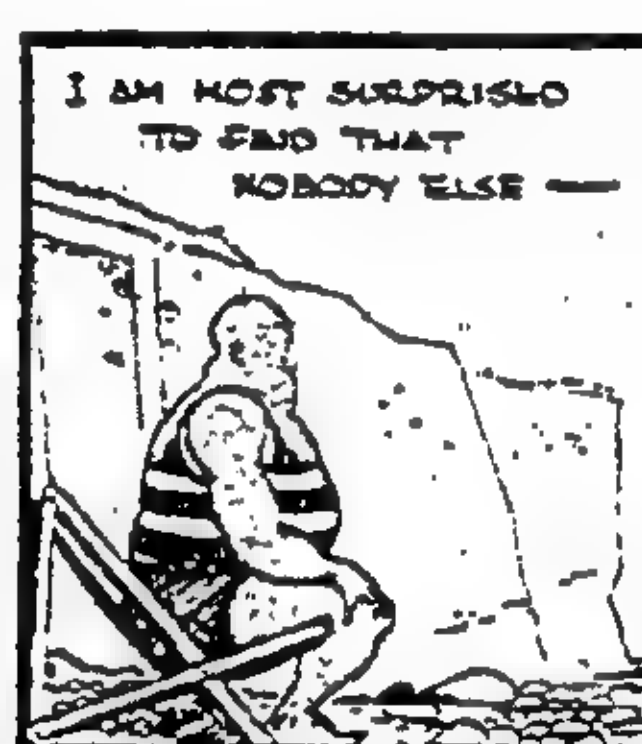
Meanwhile, Poland is not withdrawing her Ambassador from Belgrade, the Polish Foreign Ministry in Warsaw stated.

The absence of the Ambassador from Yugoslavia is due to his attendance at the annual congress of the Democratic Party, at present being held in Warsaw, a Party official declared, adding that the Ambassador will return to his post shortly.

The staff of the Yugoslav Embassy in Warsaw now consists of the Ambassador and four others. Eight members were expelled at the end of last week.

Diplomatic circles consider that Poland will not take any active steps towards breaking off diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia but will leave such action to Marshal Tito.—United Press and Associated Press.

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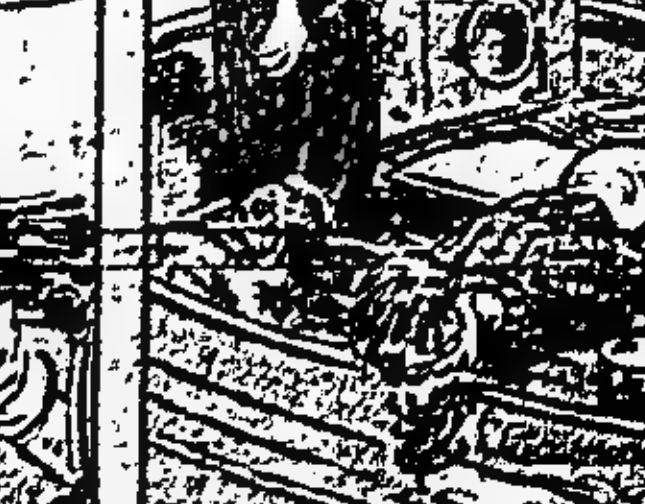
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1.15—Morning Melody.

1.30—All American Dance Bands.

1.45—Variety Vocal Groups.

1.55—Band Call—BBC Variety Orchestra Conducted by Eric Whitely (Vocal).

(BBC7S).

16.15—A Short Instrumental Programme.

16.30—Morning Concert.

11.00—Morning Melody.

11.30—Melodies from British Radio.

George Crow and His Blue Macabres Band with Barbara Sommer.

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P.M.

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Unsettled labour disputes today continued to confront the Government with the possibility of three serious strikes.

The most serious of them involves the Government-owned Manila Railroad Company, where the Union of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen is demanding big wage increases and other benefits.

The second dispute involves the Government's Metropolitan Water District, which supplies Manila and its environs with water. Some 700 MWD workers are demanding wage increases.

The third major labour question arose over pay increase demands presented by the Union of Radio, Telegraph and Teletype Workers.

As the Government has no independent foreign policy, Dr. Pfeiffer will chiefly be responsible, under Dr. Adenauer, for day-to-day relations with the occupying powers.

He will also, in co-operation with the Ministry of Economics select the personnel for the Consular Service that the German Government is to build up for trading purposes.

Dr. Pfeiffer was a schoolmaster whom the Nazis sent on permanent leave in 1934. He has had little direct contact with international affairs, but he shares the friendship for France which is traditional among Bavarian Federalists.

In the Bavarian State Chancellery, he had surrounded himself with a number of former career officials of the German Diplomatic Service.

The most prominent among them is Dr. Theo Kordt, a former Counsellor at the German Embassy in Washington who, with his brother, Erich, was involved in the attempt of the German Opposition to overthrow Hitler's government.

It was believed here that Dr. Pfeiffer will pick Dr. Kordt to be head of the permanent staff of his Department—the nucleus of a future German Foreign Office—Reuter.

The railroad company and water firm are agencies of the Government and their personnel are not necessarily civil service men, but the Bureau of Telecommunications is an integral part of the Government, whose workers come under civil service rules.

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Hong Kong, October 6, 1949.

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Manchester, October 4.
The speeches by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, yesterday may bring a little nearer a solution to the deadlock between the two rupees, the financial editor of the "Manchester Guardian" said today.

In his financial column he wrote: "Sir Ghulam explained that Pakistan had made the decision not to devalue with the aim of earning more dollars by her exports to America, and checking hard-currency imports.

The "Dominion" had no desire to leave the Sterling Area or make things difficult for other Sterling countries. But the price of jute, which dominated Pakistan's export proceeds, was dependent on the price of rice, especially in Eastern Bengal, and devaluation might lead to higher prices and hamper exports.

"Sir Stafford replied in general terms, promising sympathy and understanding for Pakistan's special needs. 'This really does not make sense. Jute has been too dear in the dollar markets for some time. If it was made 10 or 15 per cent cheaper, Pakistan could get a larger market and get rid of plenty of margin to absorb internal price rises. But it is by no means clear why the price of rice should rise if the Pakistan rupee was devalued. The whole thing is, frankly, bewildering. Bankers and merchants in London are perturbed by the India-Pakistan 'blockade'.

"Trade has been virtually suspended for over a fortnight and both sides remain stubborn.

A Compromise?
"There was talk over the weekend that a compromise might be made and a common rate fixed for both rupees some where between the present rates of 1s. 6d. and 2s. 2d. Many Bombay traders think 1s. 6d. is too low, but there have been no signs that political leaders in Pakistan are ready for even partial devaluation.

"Meanwhile, everyone in London seems agreed that business is awkward and with things as they are. 'There is no important market for rupees in London itself since rupees are normally only bought through the banks for specific transactions. It would be difficult to speculate either on devaluation by Pakistan or revaluation by India. But the continued 'holiday' of the two countries makes trade difficult.

Hard To Maintain
"Only people take the view that Pakistan will find it hard to maintain the rupee at 2s. 2d. India refuses to buy. Dundee mill-owners are reported to be 'cautious' about committing themselves to any contract for Pakistan jute at present prices. The shortage of raw jute in India may tend to even prices out but the price there at present is some 15 per cent lower than in Pakistan.

"The Indian Government announced maximum prices on Saturday and the Bombay police, who were called in on Thursday to check cotton sales, may soon be busy in the jute market. But this is not just a squabble over local issues. Paper and cotton contains have already begun to replace jute in America because jute is too dear. It will be neither in India nor Pakistan's interest to keep the price high.

"And, meanwhile, trade is disrupted between the whole Sterling Area and two of its most important members."—Reuter.

BURMA ATTACK

Rangoon, October 4.
Government forces in South East Burma beat off an attack on Dagon in Thantong district, killing 40 rebels, it was officially announced today. The rebels fled after a six-hour battle.

The Government have also captured without resistance the small town of Manung in the Kyaukpada district of the Arakan coast.

In mopping up operations in the same area four rebels were killed and several others wounded. —Reuter.

MAIDEN VOYAGE

Bari, October 4.
The salvaged motorship Barietta, of the Adriatic Lines, sailed late tonight on her maiden voyage to Greece, Istanbul and Smyrna. Built in 1932, the 2,000-ton, 26-passenger ship was sunk in the port of Bari in 1943. It was raised two years ago and rebuilt in the Trieste shipyards. —United Press.

Washington, October 4.
The Economic Co-operation Administration today granted China \$2,475,000 to purchase nitrogenous fertilizer in the United States and Canada. Under the ECA policy, the shipments must go to non-Communist areas of China. The ECA also approved purchase of more than \$24,000,000 worth of American tobacco, cotton and other agricultural commodities for European Marshall plan nations. —Associated Press.

U.S. TRADE

Washington, October 4.
U.S. imports totaled \$496,000,000 in August. This is \$55,000,000 above July. U.S. exports dropped \$46,000,000 to \$380,500,000 in August. —Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, October 4.
The stock market hit a new high for the year today. Leading shares, including steels and autos, advanced fractions to more than a point. Closing prices were mostly at or near the day's high. Investors and speculators apparently figured that the steel and coal strikes would end and production return to normal before industrial profits sets in. Traders rose to 1,318,600 shares, 1,047,145 shares changed hands, 635 advanced, 182 declined, 36 issues touched new highs for the year.

One (U.S. Smelter) hit a new low. Radio and television were popular. Major fractions were gained by Radio Corporation at 12-1/4, Edison Radio at 16-1/4, Philco at 32-1/4, Motorola at 22-1/4.

Up more than a point was Admiral at 27-3/4.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 55.9, 20 Industrials 184.13, 15 Rails, 48.37, 10 Utilities 37.98.

Closing quotations:
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Alaska Petroleum 3 1/2
American Can 37
American Smelting 46 1/2
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US Rubber 33 1/2
US Steel 23 1/2
US Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 25 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 57 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 13 1/2
—Associated Press.

HIGHER LONDON TAXI FARES?

London, October 4.
A spokesman for 6,000 London taxi drivers asked the Government today to let them raise fares by 33 1/3 per cent.

The present rates, unchanged since 1932, are nine pence for the first two-thirds of a mile and three pence for each third of a mile thereafter.

The demand for an increase was presented to Mr. J. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, by the Taxi Fleet Operators' Association (T.F.O.A.). The T.F.O.A.'s President, Mr. H. A. Thomas, said: "Taxi fares have remained unchanged since 16 years ago when taxis cost about £300 compared with £1,600 now. Petrol has risen 1/2d. a gallon against 2/5d." —Associated Press.

FLOATING SHOW OF JAP GOODS

Tokyo, October 4.
Plans to send a "Floating Showroom" of Japanese export products on a 90-day voyage to major ports in Thailand, Burma, India and Pakistan were announced here today.

The proposal was drafted by the Japanese Machinery Industry Association and the Japan Machinery Export Promotion Association to boost the exports of Japanese machinery and tools. The plan calls for chartering a former Japanese ocean liner and for public showings of Japanese wares alongside the wharves at ports visited. Members of the two organizations would finance the estimated 40,000,000 yen expenses of the trip. —United Press.

PEACE LANDED THEM IN GAOL

Copenhagen, October 4.
The peace propaganda of two "lovers of peace" here landed them in the police station on a charge of conduct likely to lead to a breach of the peace. The two young men were printing fliers on the sidewalk on which a passing policeman thought the public might slip. —Reuter.

GRANT TO CHINA

Washington, October 4.
The Economic Co-operation Administration today granted China \$2,475,000 to purchase nitrogenous fertilizer in the United States and Canada. Under the ECA policy, the shipments must go to non-Communist areas of China. The ECA also approved purchase of more than \$24,000,000 worth of American tobacco, cotton and other agricultural commodities for European Marshall plan nations. —Associated Press.

U.S. DEFICIT

Washington, October 4.
The U.S. Government finished the first quarter of its new fiscal year \$1,785,214,000 worse off than it was a year previously. The Treasury reported budget deficits for the period ended September 30, exceeded \$3,000,000,000 while spending was above \$11,000,000,000. Biggest cost increase was in the farm crop price supports, which exceeded \$616,000,000 for the quarter. —Associated Press.



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